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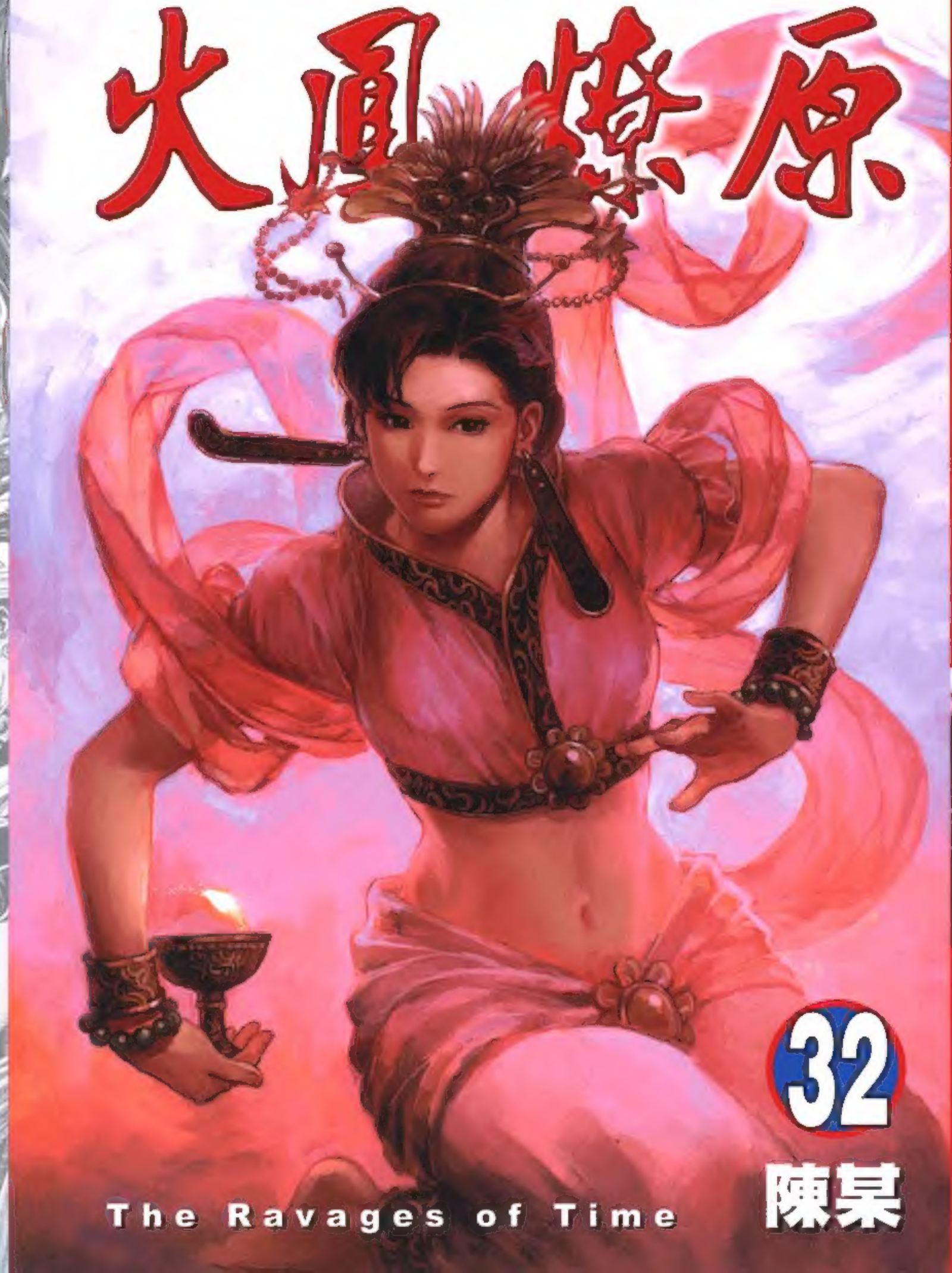

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火鳳前文提要

忠將寧死不屈敵　殘兵捨命報家仇

大勢已去的呂布，打算棄下部眾與家人投靠袁紹，奈何內奸魏續引傭兵進入下邳城。

曹操族弟曹純帶領著虎豹騎長驅直進，迅即將醉倒的呂布生擒起來，

高順救主心切，不理重傷，仍堅持上馬殺敵，可惜成了曹純槍下亡魂。

其後，陳宮與張遼都難逃厄運，雙雙被俘，下邳城落入曹軍手中。

當眾人以為戰爭已告平息時，潛伏於白門樓頂的小孟，伺機以毒箭射殺曹操，

這位為報家仇不惜懷性的殘兵，最終付上沉重的代價……

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ORGANIZE A SEARCH PARTY AND CHECK EVERY RESIDENCE!

GO, QUICKLY!

SOMEONE INTENDS TO ASSASSINATE OUR LORD!

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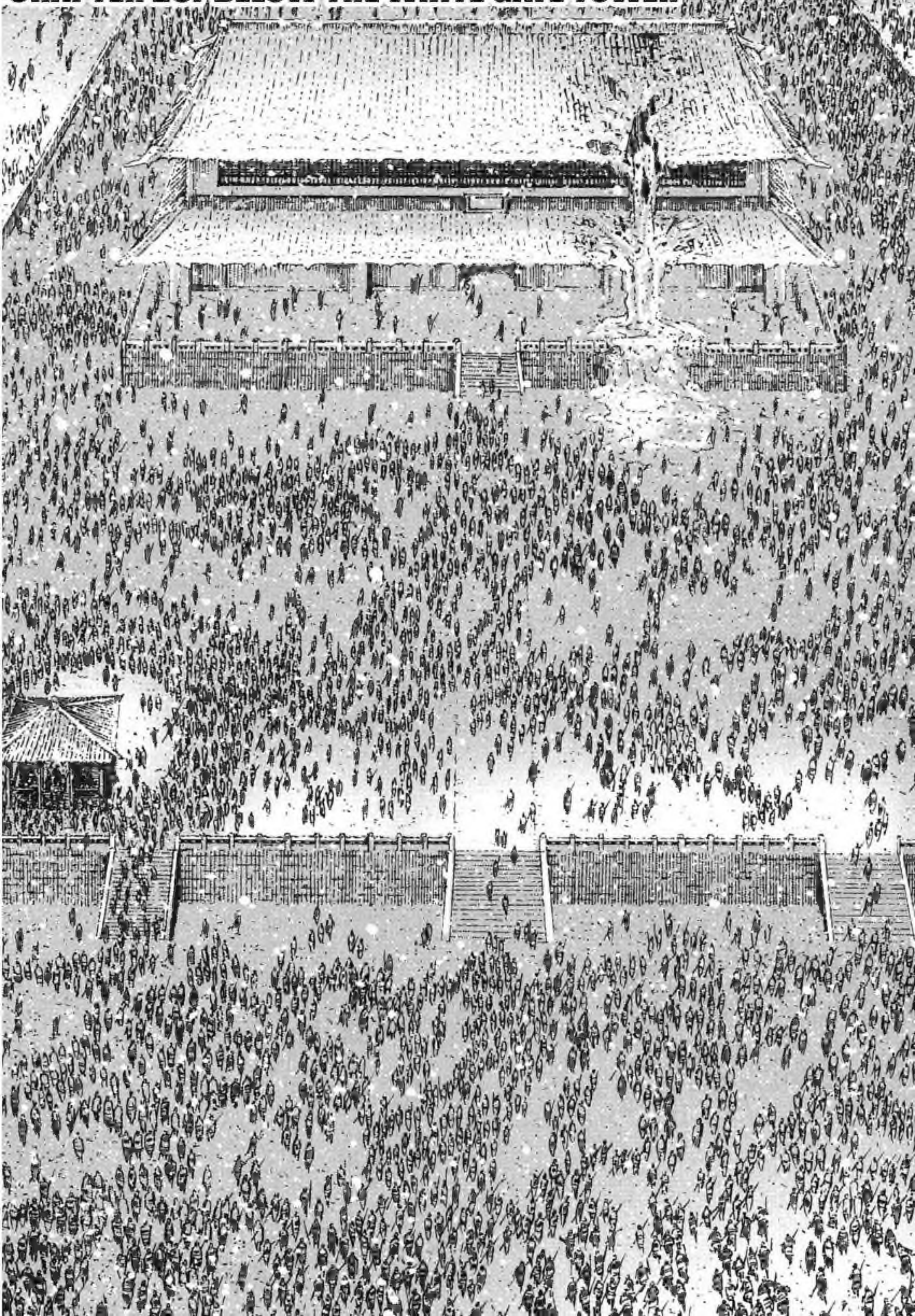


HERE, FIRST MASTER.

SEARCH EVERY CORNER OF THE HOUSE! BRICKS AND TILES TOO!

AND SEND MORE MEN INTO THE CITY TO BROADEN THE SECURITY PARAMETER!

HOW'S THE SITUATION, OLD JIA?

LOOK TOWARD THAT PAVILION, FIRST MASTER.

MAKE WAY! MAKE WAY!

HUA TUO SURE IS GOOD.

CAO CAO IS STILL ALIVE.

STAY CALM, FIRST MASTER!

THE ASSASSIN IS STILL ALIVE!

BACK OFF! BACK OFF!

TOO MANY PEOPLE; STOP CROWDING!

GASP

THE ASSASSIN IS A EUNUCH!

THE ASSASSIN IS A EUNUCH!

XIAO MENG...

DID YOU HEAR THAT? HE... HE'S A EUNUCH!

GODDAMNIT, HAVEN'T THOSE SONS OF BITCHES GONE EXTINCT ALREADY?

OLD JIA, MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT XIAO MENG HIM BEING ALIVE IS BAD FOR US!

NOTIFY ZHONG DA THAT WE ARE TO PULL OUT OF XUZHOU IMMEDIATELY!

DON'T LEAVE.

SECOND MASTER'S SETUP WILL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT IF WE DO.

BROTHERS FROM QINGZHOU, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

AHEM!

DID YOU HEAR WHO THE ASSASSIN WAS?

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THE YOUNG ONES WHO STARVED TO DEATH AT HOME?

OR MAYBE YOU HEARD, BUT FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT, RIGHT?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHO FORCED US TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OUTLAWS AND BECOME YELLOW TURBANS?

WHO CAUSED THE DOWNFALL OF OUR COUNTRY? WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN?

LIFE IS BETTER NOW, BUT HAVE WE FORGOTTEN HOW WE SUFFERED BACK THEN?

NO! I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN OUR PLEDGE BACK THEN!

NEVER!

DEATH TO ALL EUNUCHS! NEVER FORGET!

DEATH TO ALL EUNUCHS! DEATH TO ALL EUNUCHS!

KILL THE EUNUCH!

KILL THE EUNUCH!

YES! KILL ALL TEN ATTENDANTS AND THEIR FACTION! NEVER FORGET!

KILL THE EUNUCH!

LEAVE NONE ALIVE!

NO GOOD EUNUCH!

THEY HAVE BEEN INCITED

!

HE WILL BE MORE MISERABLE IF HE LIVES.

REMEMBER, SECOND MASTER'S PLAN CANNOT HAVE ANY LOOSE END.

XIAO MENG CAN'T BE SAVED.

MY LORD LET US KILL THIS EUNUCH!

MY LORD WE CANNOT SPARE THIS CASTRATED MAN!

MY LORD LET US DO IT!

[illegible] MUST BE WONDERING WHY I'M NOT STOPPING THEM.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, FIRST MASTER?

NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO, BUT I WOULDN'T DARE.

THE CAO FAMILY IS A EUNUCH FAMILY, AND GRANDFATHER CAO TENG IS EVEN AN EMINENT EUNUCH IN THE COURTS.

THE BIGGEST REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE CAO FAMILY'S ORIGIN.

IN ORDER TO CONQUER THE WORLD WE WENT THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE TO DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE EUNUCHS.

I'M REALLY AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WOULD USE THIS TO TURN THE QINGZHOU TROOP AGAINST US.

THEY CAN KILL HIM IF THEY WANT TO. DON'T LET THINGS SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL.

THIS EUNUCH WILL HELP US END THE MATTER ONCE AND FOR ALL.

BY OUR LORD'S ORDER, WE WILL KILL THAT MAN TO HONOR OUR DEAD BROTHERS!

GO.

GO!

GREAT! LET'S ALL GO!

LORD CAO, THAT ASSASSIN IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE TEN ATTENDANTS' FACTION...

HANDICAPPED WARRIOR, XIAO MENG.

YOU KNEW, LORD CAO?

YES. TOO BAD WE STILL MISSED HIM AFTER TAKING ALL THAT PRECAUTION.

SIMA CLAN'S ASSASSIN, RIGHT?

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY DRAWN THE LINE BETWEEN THEM AND HIM.

YOU MUST BE WONDERING WHY I'M STILL LETTING THE SIMA CLAN [illegible]

AND ALSO.

THE ONE TO WARN ME OF AN ASSASSIN

WAS SIMA YI.

I'M...
STILL ALIVE...

HEAVENS, YOU ARE STILL TOYING WITH ME.

!

JIA KUI!

THE BEDBUG THAT DOES NOTHING BUT DAMAGE!

WHICH MEANS...

WHICH MEANS...

HE IS HERE...

THE BEDBUG IS HERE!

YOUNG MASTER'S ASPIRATION STILL EXISTS!

YOUNG MASTER NEVER FORGOT ABOUT THE REVENGE!

HEAVENS! WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING?

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I'M STILL BLINDLY DOING STUPID THINGS.

I ALMOST RUINED EVERYTHING!

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

THE BIGGEST FOOL THERE IS!

I'M SUCH A MORON!

REALLY, YOUNG MASTER, EVEN DEATH IS TOO GOOD . . FOR ME.

I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY!

I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE, YOUNG MASTER.

AHH

AHH

AHH

HUFF!

HUFF!

MISS ME NOT.

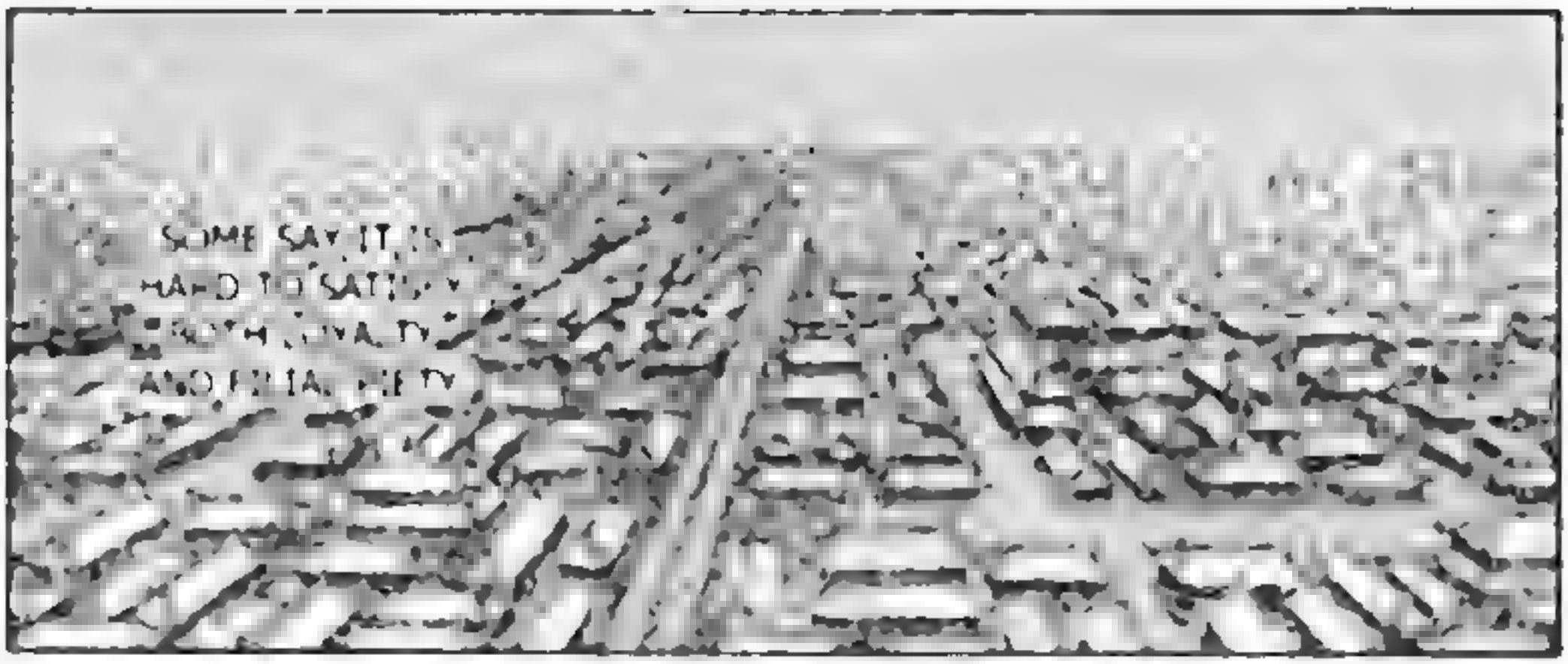
AND DON'T BLAME YOUNG MASTER

I'M LEAVING

BROTHER HUO...

REMEMBER

(I) STILL REMEMBER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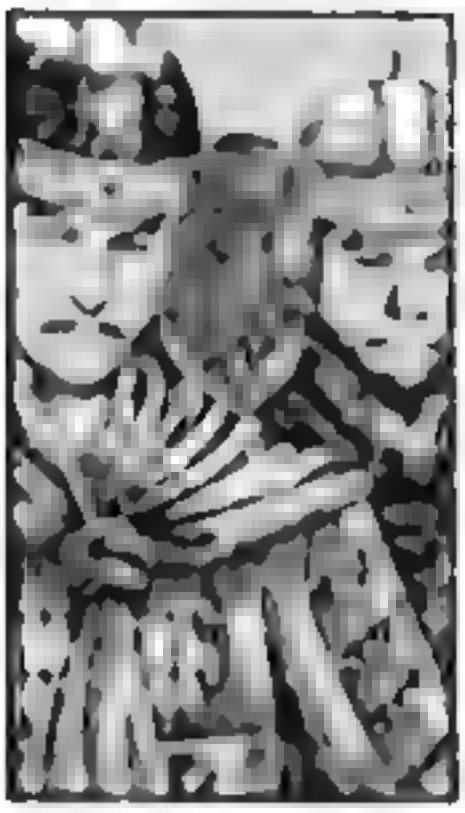

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CHAPTER 258 BE LOYAL AND FILIAL

WHAT'S HIS SURNAME? WHAT IS HE CALLED?

DID YOU FORGET WHO YOUR LORD IS?

THE LOT OF YOU... GO BURN IN HELL!

BE THE LAST...

HEAVENS CURSE YOU TO DIE WITHOUT GRAVES!

THE LAST...

BE THE LAST OF YOUR BLOODLINE!

YOU TWO_

GO HOME, MOTHER. THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE HERE!

TAKE HER HOME, MY DEAR, BEFORE SHE CATCHES A COLD!

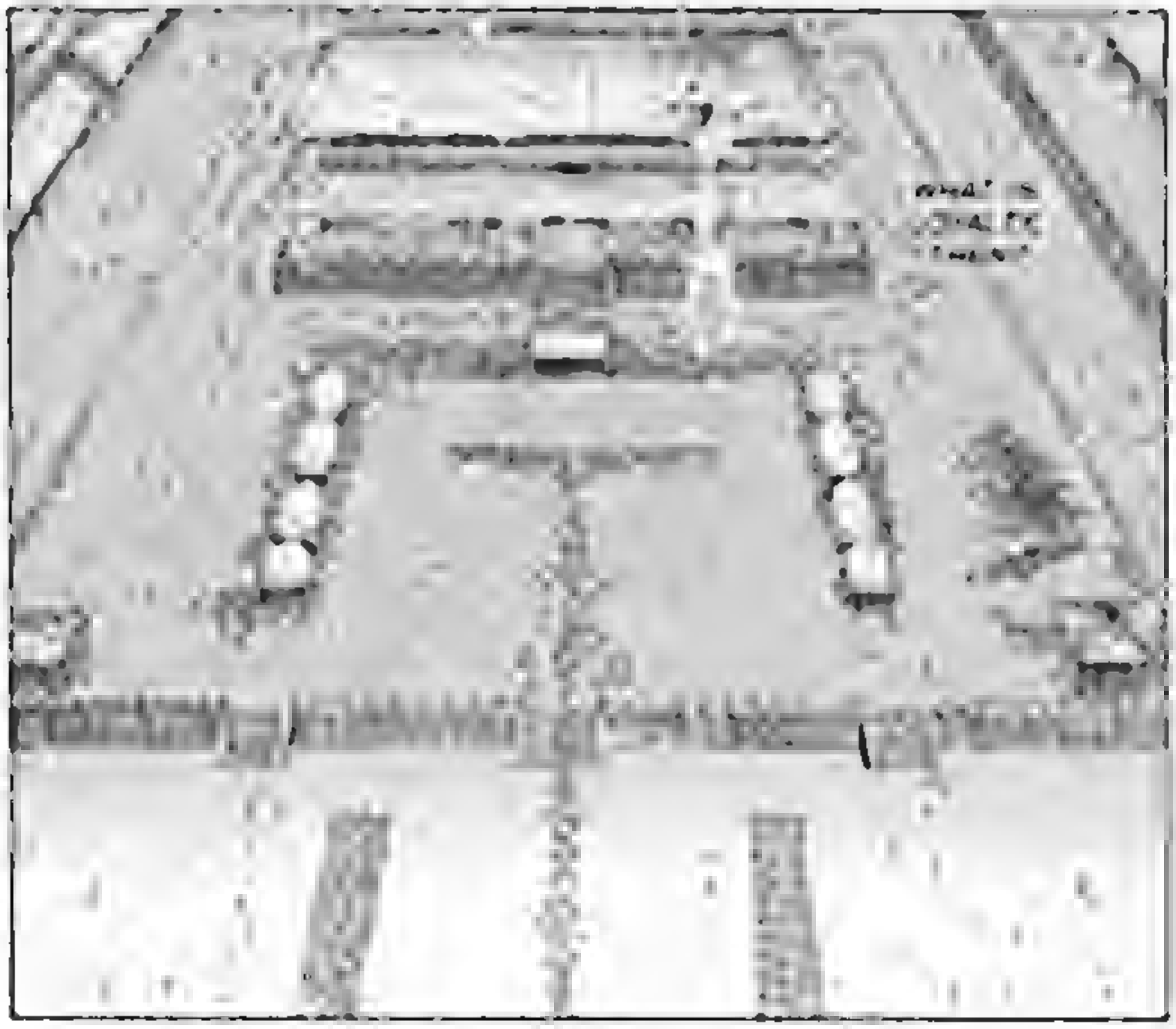
GO HOME! I ASK YOU TO GO HOME!

GO HOME!

WHAT IS LOYALTY?

WHAT IS FILIAL PIETY?

BANNER READS: WHITE GATE TOWER



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YES, SIR.

DO IT.

...ON SEEING THESE SONS LEAVING ONE AFTER THE OTHER

WHAT IS FILIAL PIETY, THEN?

WHAT CAN'T BE LET GO OF WHEN DEATH COMES KNOCKING?

FORGIVE US FOR THE MIS-TREATMENT, MISTER CHEN GONG.

UNTIE HIM IMMEDI-ATELY.

I NEVER LIKED TO WASTE TIME.

THERE'S NO NEED.

DO YOU THINK MY LORD IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH IN COMPARISON, SIR?

EVEN IN DEATH I WILL BE LOYAL TO LU BU.

NO. HE'S JUST AS BAD, THAT'S ALL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS

ADVISOR CHEN!

DIE IF YOU WANT TO; LIVE IF YOU WANT TO. AT THIS BRINK OF LIFE OR DEATH, WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

LU BU AND CHEN GONG WERE INCOMPETENT. YOUR MISERY IS NOT YOUR FAULT.

DISREGARD LOYALTY AND SUCH THINGS, FOR THEY ARE MERE TRICKS PLAYED BY MEN OF LETTERS TO ENSLAVE YOU ALL.

OTHERWISE JUST ORDER SOMEBODY TO DRAW THE BLADE! I HAVE WANTED TO GO FOR A LONG TIME NOW!

HAN'S TRAITOR CAO CAO, LÜ BU'S SUBORDINATE CHEN GONG IS HERE! COME OUT AND FACE ME IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SCOLDED ENOUGH!

MORE THAN ONE LORD" IS ALSO A SYCOPHANTIC REMARK IN THE INTEREST OF THE CONQUEROR.

YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME, CHEN GONG, BUT YOU CAN'T EXTRICATE YOURSELF AND RATHER DIE FOR LU BU?

SINCE YOUR CONSCIENCE HAS SPOKEN, LET'S TALK ABOUT FAMILY INSTEAD OF THE COUNTRY.

I AM OLD. I'M NO LONGER INTERESTED IN LEADING PEOPLE TO THEIR DEATHS.

IF YOU THINK THE COUNTRY IS BEYOND YOUR CONCERNS, WHY DO YOU IGNORE YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD?

YOU HUMBLY CALL YOURSELF OLD, BUT YOUR AGING MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ARE STILL ALIVE AT HOME. WHAT WILL BECOME OF THEM IF YOU DIE?

WHAT DOES MY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S FATE HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

I MAY NOT BE AS TALENTED, BUT I WOULD NOT BE THIS ABSURD.

YOU ARE WELL-VERSED IN THE SAGELY CLASSICS. HOW COULD YOU SPEAK THIS WAY?

THOSE WHO RULE BY BENEVOLENCE DO NOT END ONE'S BLOODLINE.

IF YOU HAVE THOSE QUALITIES, MY FAMILY AFTER MY DEATH WILL BE AT THE MERCY OF YOUR TRUE NATURE,

I HEARD THAT THOSE WHO RULE BY FILIAL PIETY DO NOT PUNISH THE RELATIVES OF THE CONDEMNED;

NOT UP TO ME!

HE MAKES US UTTERLY SPEECHLESS.

HAVING SAID THAT, CHEN GONG MUST HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND.

AY!

YOU PRIDE YOURSELF IN FILIAL PIOUS RULE, LORD CAO, SO YOU SHOULD TREAT THE COMMON PEOPLE LIKE FAMILY.

IT'S REALLY REGRETTABLE THAT WE CANNOT WORK WITH HIM.

AND SHOW THE WORLD YOUR HYPOCRISY?

HOW CAN YOU ABANDON (OUR) FAMILIES WHEN WE ARE TO DIE BECAUSE OF YOU?

HE'S CORNERING OUR LORD, MAKING HIM UNABLE TO GET OUT OF THIS PREDICAMENT.

PITY, WHAT A PITY...

WE CANNOT CONFRONT SUCH AWE-INSPIRING INTEGRITY.

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO THAT, CHEN GONG. I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO MY BEST.

BUT WHY DO YOU STUBBORNLY INSIST ON BURYING EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED?

ENOUGH.

NOW IS WARTIME. WHAT WOULD I BE IF I HELP YOU?

THEY SAY LORD CAO IS AN ABLE MINISTER AT PEACETIME AND AN ANTI-HERO IN WARTIME.

AND ALSO GETTING MY FAMILY TAKEN CARE OF - THAT IS MY DEFINITION OF FILIAL PIETY.

NOT AIDING EVIL IS YOUR DEFINITION OF LOYALTY?

:PONG:

IS, IS THERE NO WAY TO KEEP HIM?

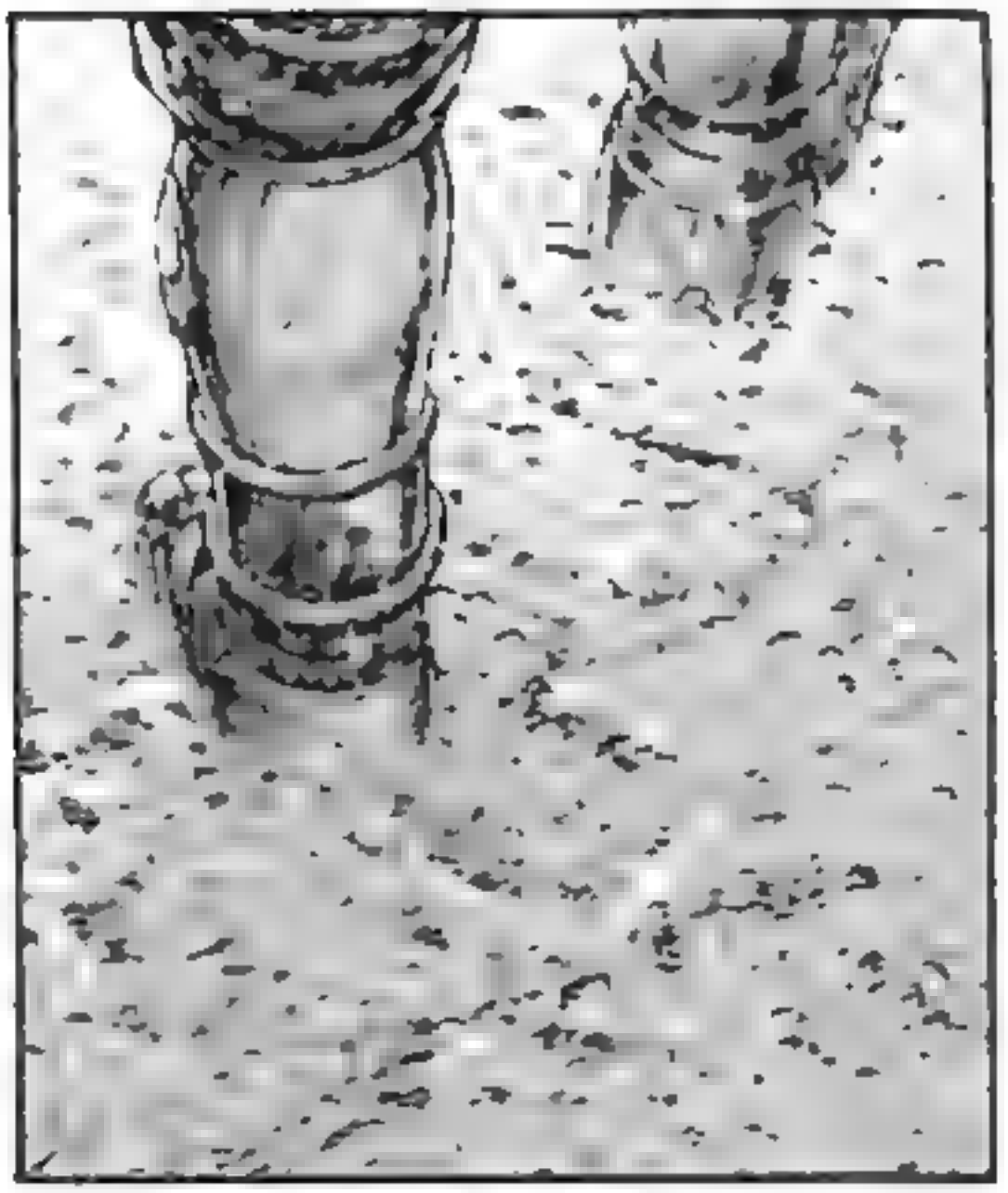
YOU ARE ONLY ASKING FOR HUMILIATION IF YOU GO OUT THERE.

CHEN GONG IS LIKE THIS WHITE GATE TOWER -

A RELIC OF THE FORMER DYNASTY.

XUN YU, YOU KNEW HE WOULD ACT THIS WAY AND YOU COULDN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE. IS THAT WHY YOU LEFT?

MY LORD WHA-



PLEASE!

MISTER CHEN GONG PLEASE RECONSIDER!

DON'T GO!

FILIAL

UGH.

MOTHER...
I'M NOT...
I'M NOT...

YES-
SIR.

DO IT.

PARENTS OF THE WORLD! THERE ARE NO UNFILIAL CHILDREN!

MOTHER, I AM LEAVING.

ONLY LOST FLEDGLINGS UNDER THE FORCE OF GREATER POWERS. IT IS THE WAY OF HEAVEN. DON'T BLAME THEM!

DON'T BLAME ME; DON'T MISS ME!

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HUFF

HUFF

PERHAPS IT IS NOW YOUR ERA.

IT IS THE WAY OF HEAVEN.

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MAYBE... YOU ARE DIFFERENT FROM LU BU...

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DIFF-ERENT.

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DIFF-ERENT.

PA!

LAO-ZI SAID,

LU BU IS DISLOYAL AND NOT FILIAL. HE DESERVES HEAVEN'S REPRI-MAND!

THE WAY OF HEAVEN ALWAYS SIDE WITH THE GOOD MAN.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THESE WORDS OF THE SAGE!

DONE.

THIS IS CHEN GONG'S LAST STEP.

AFTER THAT, CAO CAO TENDED TO CHEN GONG'S MOTHER UNTIL HER DEATH, AND HE ALSO FOUND A HUSBAND FOR THE DAUGHTER.

HE STILL GRIEVES WHENEVER
HE IS REMINDED OF CHEN GONG.

THEY ALSO
SAY A GOOD
BIRD CHOOSES
THE TREE
TO NEST IN

THEY SAY A
LOYAL VASSAL
SERVES ONLY
ONE LORD

SOMETIMES
(AS) A MAN,
SOMETIMES
(AS) A BIRD

MEN SPEAK
THE LANGUAGE
OF MEN

BIRDS CHIRP
THE LANGUAGE
OF BIRDS

CHAPTER 259 A WARRIOR'S WAY OF THINKING

ANOTHER BUNCH EXECUTED. THAT CAO CAO SURE IS DECISIVE.

SECOND BROTHER IS RIGHT. WE WILL FACE MANY OBSTACLES IF WE WANT TO APPROACH HIS MAJESTY.

DON'T EMPLOY THE QUESTIONABLE, AS THEY SAY. WE MUST REALLY WATCH OUR STEPS NOW THAT WE'RE SERVING CAO CAO.

I KNOW HOW TO APPROACH HIS MAJESTY.

YOUR CONCERNS ARE WARRANTED, BUT I DON'T LIKE TO BE SNEAKY.

HE KNOWS HOW?! DON'T TELL ME HE'S BLUFFING!

YOU JUST MISSED CHEN GONG'S DEPARTURE.

HOW IS IT?

PEOPLE ARE GATHERING

I THINK OUR LORD WOULD JUST BE WASTING HIS TIME.

ZHANG LIAO IS THE MOST OUTSTANDING WARRIOR OF LATE. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE INTENDS TO DO?

GET RICH WHILE YOU CAN!

CHEN GONG DIED FOR HIS CAUSE; I SAY AN IRON-WILLED MAN LIKE ZHANG LIAO WILL NOT SURRENDER EITHER.

ODDS ARE ONE TO TWENTY IN FAVOR OF ZHANG LIAO SURRENDERING; SEVEN TO EIGHT THAT HE DOESN'T.

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF STRANGE THINGS IN THE WORLD. I'LL BE FRANK - A FOOL HAS JUST PLACED A HUGE BET ON ZHANG LIAO SURRENDERING.

OLD YE, THAT'S TOO LITTLE PAYOFF FOR HIM NOT SURRENDERING.

BUT WE WANT YOU TO LOSE BIG TIME, SO WE'LL PLACE ALL OUR BETS ON HIM NOT SURRENDERING!

YES, HE'LL LOSE FOR SURE. I WILL ALSO BET THAT ZHANG LIAO DIES!

HAHAHA, WHICH FOOL GAVE YOU MONEY FOR FREE?

THE BIGGEST BENEFICIARY OF THIS TRIP TO XUZHOU MUST BE YOU OLD YE!

WHO WOULD PLACE A BET IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT?

HURRY UP. PLACE YOUR BETS NOW BEFORE OUR LORD DECIDES.

NOT YET.

HAS OUR LORD MADE A DECISION?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

YOU HEAR THAT? SOMEBODY STILL BELIEVES HE WILL SURREN-DER.

YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT... ONLY IF THE SUN RISES FROM THE WEST.

AS A FIGHTER MYSELF, HONESTLY, WHO DOESN'T WANT HIM IN OUR RANKS?

CAO CAO, YOU TRAITOR TO IMPERIAL HAN!

EMPEROR-CONTROLLING REBEL! DECENCY-KILLING CROOK!

EUNUCH-RAISED DOG!

WHO GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO KILL LOYALISTS OF HAN?

WHO GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TORTURE THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU?

HOW ABOUT IT? COME OUT AND LET'S HAVE A DEBATE IF YOU THINK I'M WRONG!

LISTEN, YOU CAO!

COME OUT! OR ELSE I STILL HAVE SOME BREATH LEFT TO SCOLD YOU!

YOU ARE GOOD FOR NOTHING, EXCEPT A TOP-NOTCH LIAR!

DON'T EXPECT ME TO SUBMIT AND BECOME YOUR MINION!

MAY HEAVEN BE MY WITNESS - I AM LOYAL TO IMPERIAL HAN. I RATHER DIE THAN SURRENDER!

I'M NO IGNORANT FOOL NOR A GREEDY INGRATE!

CAO YOU PRETENTIOUS MUTINEER!

ISN'T HE TIRED AFTER ALL THAT CURSING?

LET HIM GO. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST.

A-MAN, ZHANG LIAO IS TOO DETERMINED. NOT EVEN A WHOLE NIGHT OF PERSUASION HELPED.

I'M SICK OF LIVING ALREADY, CAO! KILL ME IF YOU WANT TO! THAT'S MY FINAL DECISION!

YOU'RE RECOVERING FROM A FRESH INJURY. TROUBLING THOUGHTS WILL ONLY EXACER-BATE YOUR HEADACHE.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR LORD'S FEELING, GENERAL XIAHOU. THIS MAN MAY HAVE STRAYED WITH LU BU,

BUT HE IS TOO RARE A TALENT TO DISCARD.

A SPECIAL KIND OF IRON WILL NEEDS A SPECIAL KIND OF PERSUASION. TOO BAD NO ONE IN OUR ARMY HAS THAT TALENT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IF SOMEONE CAN PERSUADE ZHANG LIAO TO SURRENDER, I WOULD HAVE OWED HIM A BIG FAVOR.

I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO KEEP HIM IF I'M ABLE.

SO YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY, JIA XU.

OH.

TRAITOR CAO CAO

I'M NOT DONE YET, I-

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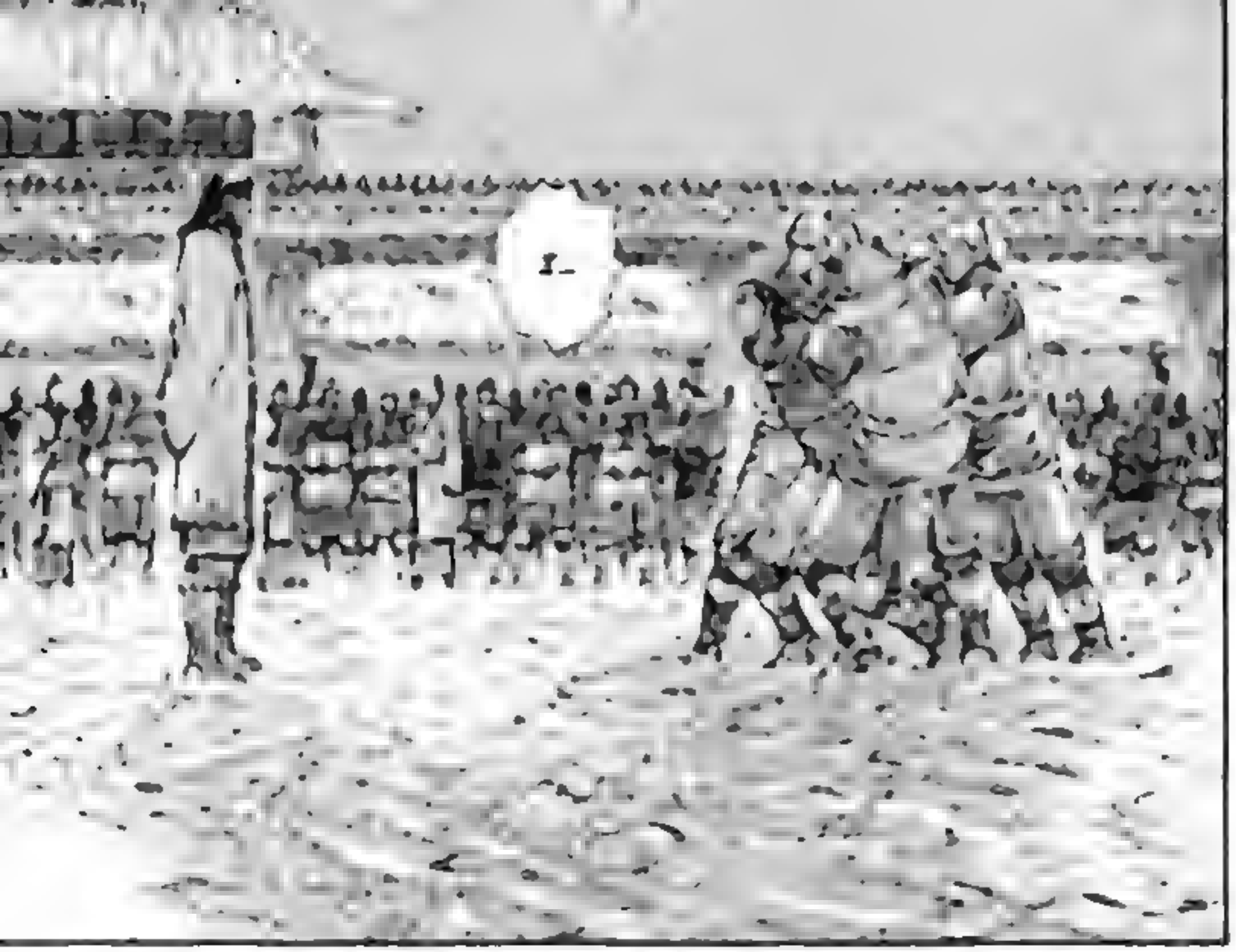

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BE!?

BIG BROTHER, WHAT... WHAT'S HE UP TO?

I...

HAVE YOU THOUGHT IT THROUGH, HAVING BEEN LOCKED UP THESE PAST DAYS?

"CONFOUND BLACK AND WHITE"

YOU INDISCRI-MINATE OPPOR-TUNIST!

WHO DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

NO_

WE SHARE NO COMMON GOAL...

I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

OH ZHANG LIAO, YOU ARE STILL LYING.

ANSWER WITH YOUR HEART.

ANSWER TRUTHFULLY WITH THAT GODDAMN HEART!

YOU ARE MORE DECEITFUL::

("I AM NOT AS DECEITFUL AS YOU")

I AM MORE MENDACIOUS.

("YOU ARE NOT AS DECEITFUL AS ME").

(IF YOU)
ANSWER WITH
YOUR HEART,

PERHAPS YOUR
PATH TO THE
FUTURE WILL
BE DIFFERENT

PERHAPS IT
WILL WIN THE
SUPPORT OF
THE PEOPLE

PERHAPS IT
WILL WIN
THE WORLD

PERHAPS THOSE
WITH INTENTIONS
OPPOSED TO
THIS PATH

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CHAPTER 260 IMPERIAL UNCLE'S INTENT

THE EXTERIOR AND THE INTERIOR ARE IN CONFLICT.

ON THE OUTSIDE THERE'S THE ETHICAL DEMAND FROM THE SAGES.

TO LIVE ON THE PATH OF OUR FOREFATHERS, OR TO BECOME LOST ON THE PATH BEHIND THEM?

BUT ON THE INSIDE THERE'S THAT PRIMORDIAL WANTON OF HUMAN NATURE.

HOW DO WE DEFINE THE TRUTH? HOW DO WE JUDGE WORTH?

HUSH, LET YOUR HEART DO THE TALKING.

DID THE SAGES SPEAK THE TRUTH OR DID THEY YOUR HEART?

HOLD TIGHT!

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THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE, THE MORE CONFLICTED YOU BECOME.

DO YOU WANT TO SHAKE OFF THIS EXTERNAL SHACKLE?

OR DO YOU WANT TO BE RID OF THAT WEAK POUNDING IN YOUR HEART?

OF ALL THE PEOPLE HERE, NO ONE RIVALS YOU AT YOUR AGE.

BUT YOU'RE NOT WEAK AT ALL; OUTSTANDING, EVEN.

YOU KNOW THIS WELL.

SO DO I.

WHAT IS WRONG IS THAT SOMEONE CHOSE A FUTILE PATH.

WHAT IS WRONG IS THAT SOMEONE WAS SHORT-SIGHTED WHEN CHOOSING THE RIGHT LORD TO SUPPORT.

BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER BEEN WRONG ABOUT PEOPLE.

WHAT IS WRONG IS THAT SOMEONE IS STILL BETRAYING HIMSELF TO SAVE FACE.

WHAT IS WRONG IS THAT SOMEONE THINKS HE WILL BE A RIGHTEOUS MARTYR.

ZHANG LIAO, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I DO THE KIND OF MAN LU BU IS.

AND WHAT'S WORSE, THOSE BROTHERS WHO HAVE ALWAYS TRUSTED YOU HAD TO DIE MEANINGLESSLY BECAUSE OF YOU.

HAVEN'T YOU AGONIZED OVER IT AT ALL?

BUT SO WHAT IF YOU KNOW? WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?

ISN'T THAT FACADE OF LOYALTY (AND RIGHTEOUSNESS) YOU MAINTAIN JUST TO FOOL YOURSELF?

YOU STAYED BECAUSE YOU WOULD NOT ABANDON YOUR BROTHERS!

NO, YOU HAVE.

SOMETHING SO PRICELESS IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR IGNORANCE.

YOU CHOOSE TO PAY WITH YOUR LIFE -

YOU INSIST ON THE PATH OF LOYALTY (AND RIGHTEOUSNESS) AND DID NOT FLEE WITH LU BU.

BECAUSE UNCONSCI-OUSLY YOU HAVE BEGUN TO QUESTION THE VALUE OF YOUR LIFE.

WHAT IS THE SO CALLED "A LOYAL VESSEL SERVES ONLY ONE LORD?"

WHAT IS THE SO CALLED "A GOOD BIRD CHOOSES THE TREE TO NEST IN?"

THEREFORE WE SHOULD GO WITH THE WAVES OF TIME - WITH EACH ERA COMES NEW (IDEAS).

WISE SAGES WERE PEOPLE TOO; THEY COULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECTIVE.

THEIR SAGELY WORDS WERE BUT THE PRODUCT OF AN ERA.

AND SIMILARLY, SOME WILL BE ELIMINATED.

DO YOU KNOW THAT SAGELY WORDS WERE SPOKEN, BUT HISTORY WAS WRITTEN?

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY SAGES HAVE BEEN DROWNED UNDER THE WAVES OF PAST ERAS?

DO YOU KNOW THAT SAYING CAME FROM WITHIN AND THAT WE MAKE THINGS HAPPEN?

A SAGE'S WORDS CAME FROM A MAN, AND ANY MAN CAN TAKE THAT TITLE.

THE GREAT PATH IS NOT LIMITED TO SAGES. ANY CAPABLE MAN CAN OPEN A NEW PATH.

SIMILARLY, THE WORLD IS NOT OWNED BY ONE MAN, BECAUSE HEROES CAN CREATE A NEW STATE OF THINGS!

SOME PEOPLE PASSED OVER THEN LOOK BACK.

AND EVERYONE HAS A PATH, A WAY TO TREAD IT, AND HOW ONE SHOULD SEE HIMSELF.

SOME STOP AND THINK THEY HAVE REACHED THE DESTINATION

WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GET. OVER. THERE?

BUT,

AH!

AH!

AH!

AHH

YOUR HEART REPLIED.

YOU GOT THERE.

FEEL NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU.

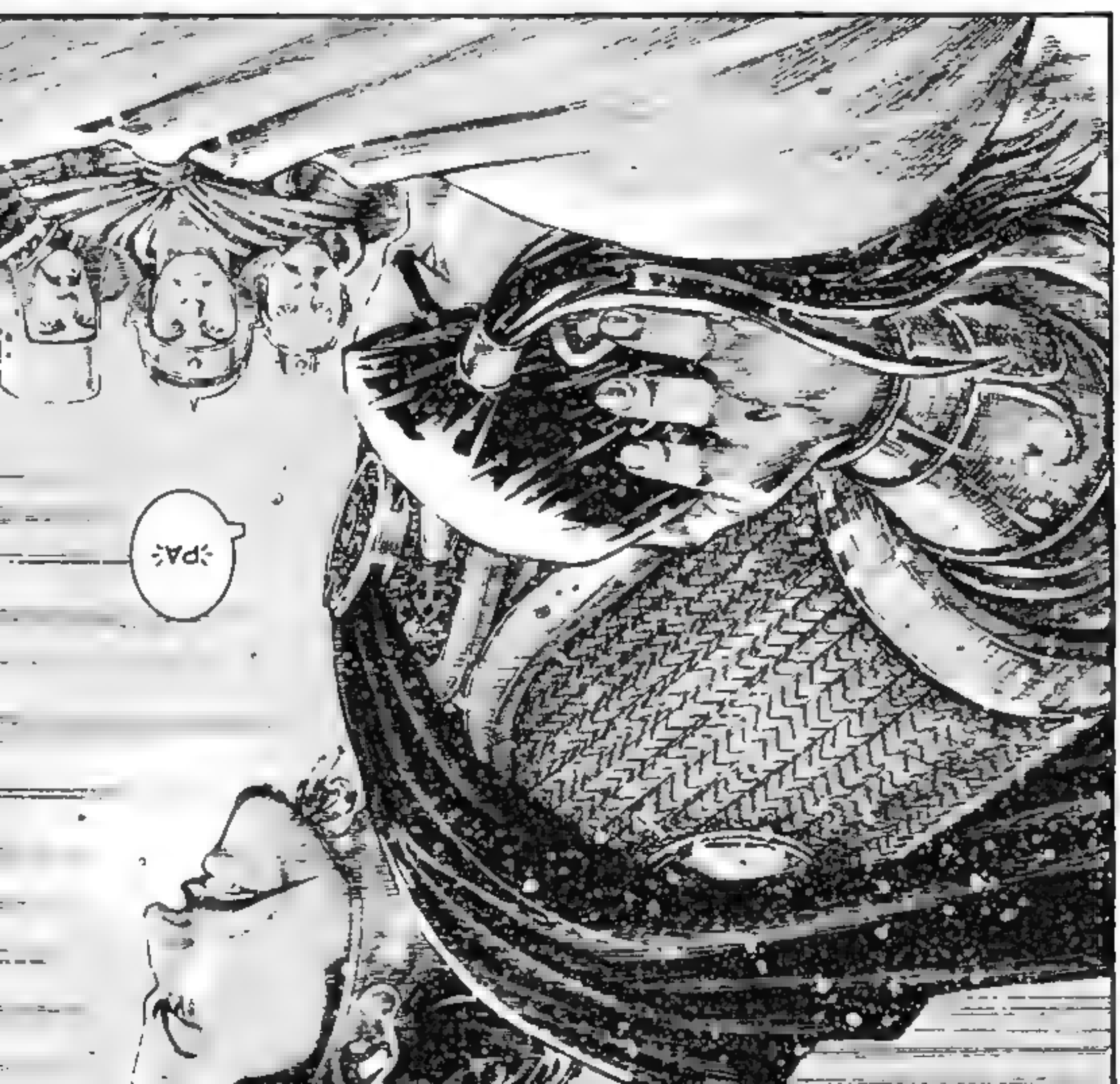
AND I, LIU BEI,

THIS IS AN AGE WHEN HEROES WILL SAVE THE WORLD

FOR THOSE WITH ASPIRATION, WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GET ON THIS PATH?

COME.

BUT WHERE IS THE PATH? WHERE IS THE MAN? WHERE?


¡PA!

PONG

CAO CAO
IS
HERE!

I'M
HERE!

ZHANG LIAO, I'M HERE!

LIU BEI, I'M HERE!

I'M HERE!

I'M HERE!
I'M HERE!

SECOND BROTHER,

BIG BROTHER... INTENDED TO SAVE ZHANG LIAO

I... I GET IT!

WITH SKILLS LIKE THAT, HE REALLY CAN DEFEAT ANYONE!

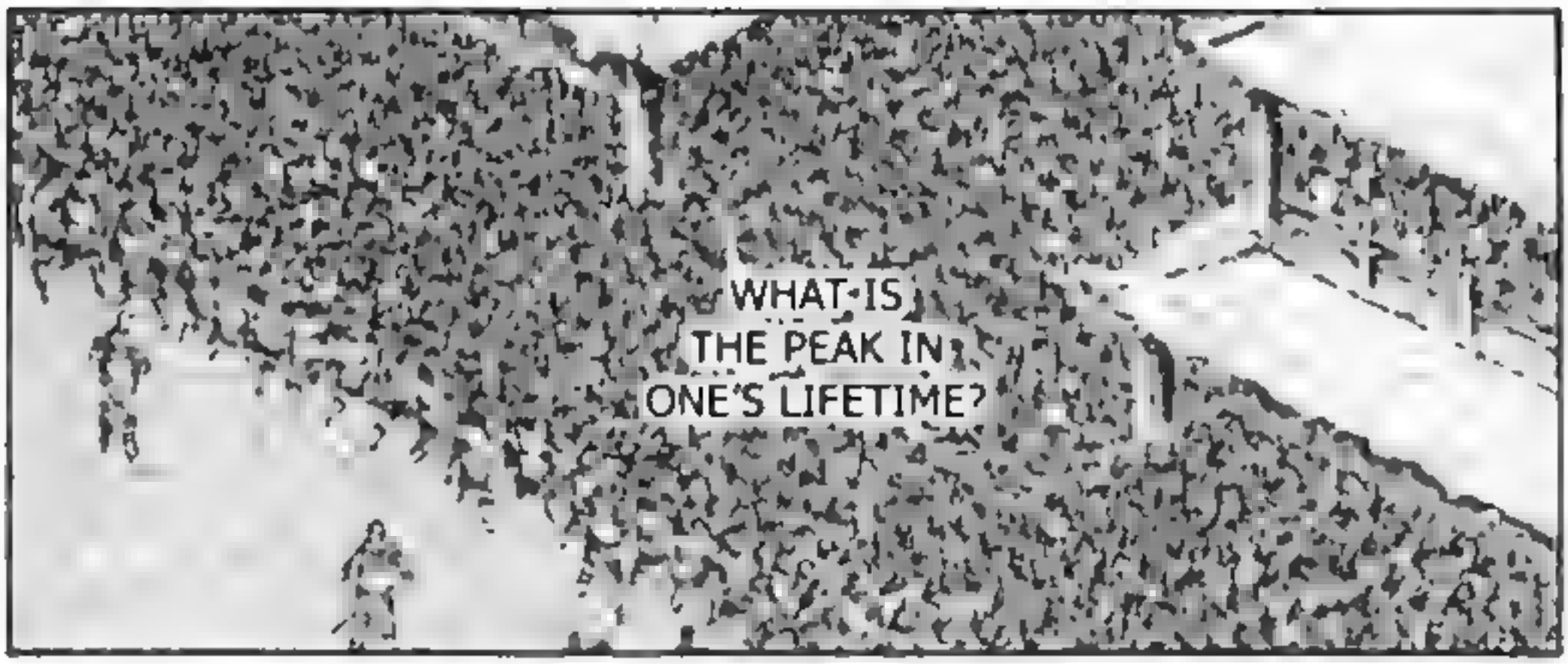
HAHA, BIG BROTHER... OUR BIG BROTHER...

IN ORDER TO WIN OVER CAO CAO'S TRUST.

HE HAS REACHED AN INCON-CEIVABLE STATE!

YOU CHEAT, I SWINDLE.

WHO KNOWS WHAT WE
ARE REALLY THINKING.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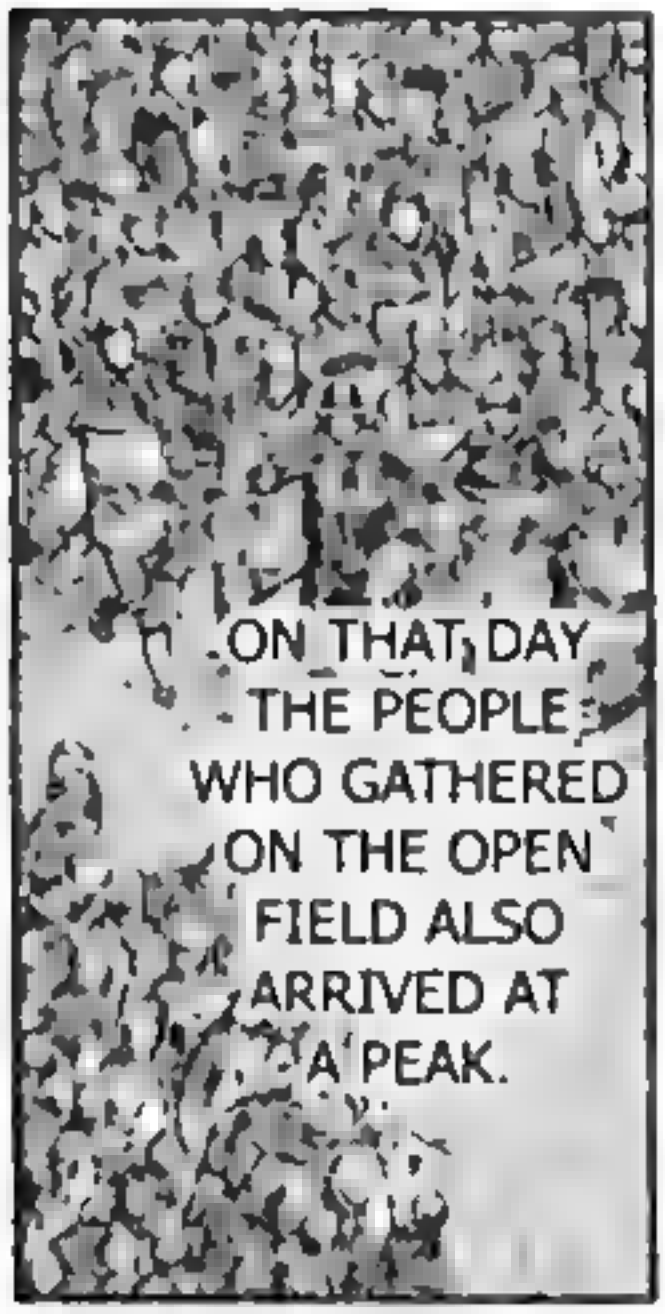
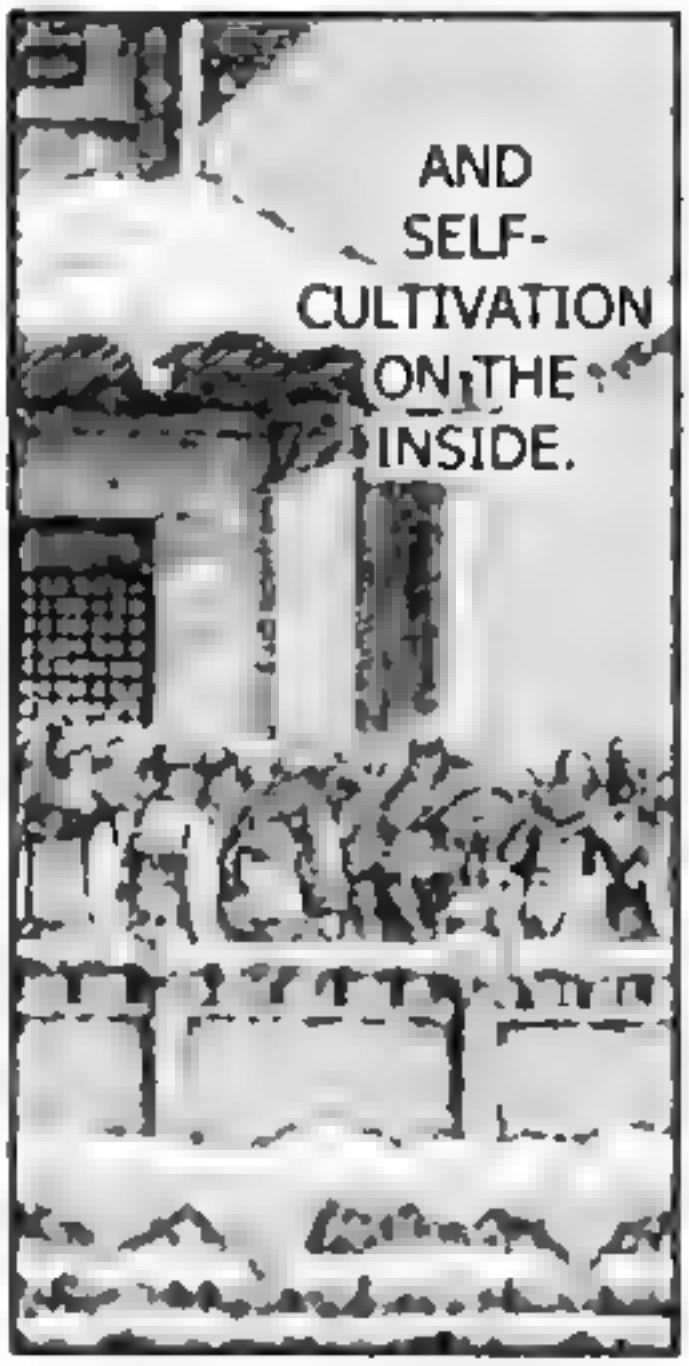
ONE'S LIFETIME?


ON THAT DAY,
THE PEOPLE
WHO GATHERED
ON THE OPEN
FIELD ALSO
ARRIVED AT
A PEAK.


AND
SELF-
CULTIVATION
ON THE
INSIDE.

IT IS
ACHIEVEMENTS
ON THE
OUTSIDE.

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CHAPTER 261 THE CULTIVATION OF GOD OF WAR

NO ONE BACKED AWAY. INSTEAD, THE CROWD GREW BIGGER AND BIGGER.

HOW, COULD THEY STAND BACK WHEN FATE GAVE THEM THIS CHANCE?

(BECAUSE) EVERYONE SAW IT AS THE PEAK OF THEIR CAREER.

THEY WAITED SILENTLY FOR THEIR GOLDEN MOMENT.

D PAINTED ON THEIR FACES" LIKE GIV

BUT THE HIGHER THEIR EXPECTATION, THE HARDER THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT

LIFE IS ALWAYS INCONCEIVABLE

LORD CAQ

I'M WILLING TO SURRENDER!

DID YOU HEAR ME?

COUNTLESS WARRIORS FOLLOW YOU, AND YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS TOPS ALL!

YOU COMMAND THE WORLD, LORD CAO; NO OBSTACLES CAN STOP YOU!

LONG HAVE I ADMIRED YOU,

BUT I HAD TO FIGHT BACK BECAUSE I WAS FORCED TO!

YOU HAVE SWEPT AWAY THE DARK CLOUDS, LORD CAO, AND I CAN SEE THE LIGHT AGAIN!

I REBELLED BECAUSE MINISTERS OF THE FORMER REIGN ADDED FUEL TO THE FIRE. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION.

IS... IS THAT REALLY LU BU?

I THOUGHT I WAS LOOKING AT SOME SCUM.

YEAH, WHERE HAS ALL THAT BATTLEFIELD FEARLESS-NESS GONE?

HE'S A COWARD. HOW DISAP-POINTING!

YOUR TROUBLES WERE NOT MY FAULT, GREAT LORD AND TODAY I SUBMIT.

I'M WILLING TO BE YOUR MINION AND HELP YOU SUPPRESS ALL OPPOSITION!

DOMINATING THE WORLD IS NO CONCERN IF YOU ALWAYS USE TALENTED PEOPLE.

I WILL DEDICATE MYSELF TO RESTORING PEACE TO GREAT HAN!

SFX: PONG~

碰

GOD OF WAR, LÜ BU? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

WHERE IS YOUR MIGHTY IMAGE?

YOU LOOK HALF MAN HALF DEAD (GHOST)!

CARING ONLY ABOUT YOUR OWN LIFE, AREN'T YOU ASHAMED TO FACE YOUR DEAD FOLLOWERS?

AS A WARRIOR YOU SHOULD HAVE THE DEMEANOR OF A WARRIOR!

I HAVE ONLY EVER LEARNED TO SWING A WEAPON, BUT NEVER ABOUT MORALITY.

FORTUNATELY FOR ME YOUR WORDS TODAY HAVE OPENED MY EYES, BROTHER!

YOU ARE RIGHT, I AM BUT A SIMPLE FIGHTER.

WHO THE HELL IS YOUR BROTHER?

I'M YOUR GRAND-DADDY. CALL ME RIGHT IF YOU WANT A LESSON!

GRAND...

HA.

GRAND DAD_ SPARE ME

HAHAHA, HE ACTUALLY SAID IT!

HAHA, IS HE REALLY LÜ BU?

GOD OF WAR LÜ BU_

I KNEW HE WAS A BRUTE, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE'S LIKE THIS!

IS AN ANIMAL. YOUR GRAND-DADDY CAN'T TEACH YOU!

HAHAHA, IT'S TOO FUNNY!

YOU ARE RIGHT!

HA... HA...

THE ANIMAL HASN'T EVOLVED HE MUST BE TRAINED SLOWLY!

I BEG YOU ALL!

SORRY FOR MY INCOMPETENCE, SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE, GRAND-DADS!

SFX: PONG~

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

I BEG YOU, GRAND-DADS!

DON'T WANT TO DIE!

PLEASE SPARE ME, GRAND-DADS!

LET THIS ANIMAL LIVE A WHILE LONGER, LEARN A LITTLE MORE!

DID YOU HEAR ME, LORD CAO?

咚

SFX: PONG~

SPARE THIS BRUTE'S LIFE!

WHILE THE SCENE WENT SILENT AROUND HIM.

AND THEN THE SOUND OF HIS KOWTOW WENT ON AND ON,

SUDDENLY EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING

AND THEY FELT A CHILL IN THEIR HEARTS.

THEY ONLY HOPED FOR A QUICK RESOLUTION.-

SO THAT THIS GROTESQUE PHENOMENON CAN DISAPPEAR.

THERE IS NO LONGER ANY ARROGANT SMILE AT THE SCENE

EVERYONE WAITED

ONLY STERN FOOTSTEPS

IS A TRUE HERO UNAFRAID OF DEATH?

WHAT ARE YOU?

A HERO DOES NOT FEAR DEATH.

IS THIS THE LU BU AMONGST MORTALS THAT EVERYONE REVERES?

IT'S BUT ANOTHER MASTERPIECE BY MEN OF LETTERS.

I SAY THAT'S ONLY WHAT SIMPLETONS THINK IS A HERO.

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND A VERY IMPORTANT LOGIC.

WHAT GOOD IS REPUTATION IF YOU ARE DEAD?

IN THE PAST WE HAD GOU JIAN SURVIVING AS A PEASANT, AND TODAY WE HAVE LU BU BEGGING FOR HIS LIFE.

A TRUE HERO UNDERSTANDS THAT ONE CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE BY STAYING ALIVE.

SURPASSES ALL THE SHALLOW MEN HERE.

YOUR COURAGE

IT SURPASSES THE REPUTATION WHICH THEY HOLD DEARER THAN LIFE.

AND OF ALL THE HEROES,

OF ALL THE HEROES (IN THE WORLD), WHO IS MORE FEARLESS THAN YOU ON THE BATTLEFIELD? AND WHO MORE UNAFRAID OF DEATH?

WHO DARES TO TRAMPLE ON THEIR PRIDE LIKE YOU HAVE?

GOD OF WAR, LU BU,

YOU TRULY EMBODY THE ESSENCE OF BRAINS AND BRAWN.

("PROVEN THE TRUTH OF INTELLECT AND BRAVERY")

TOO BAD WE WALK A FEUDAL PATH;

A SHALLOW PATH.

A PARAMOUNT STATE OF CULTIVATION.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

WINNER TAKES ALL. A PITIFUL REALITY.

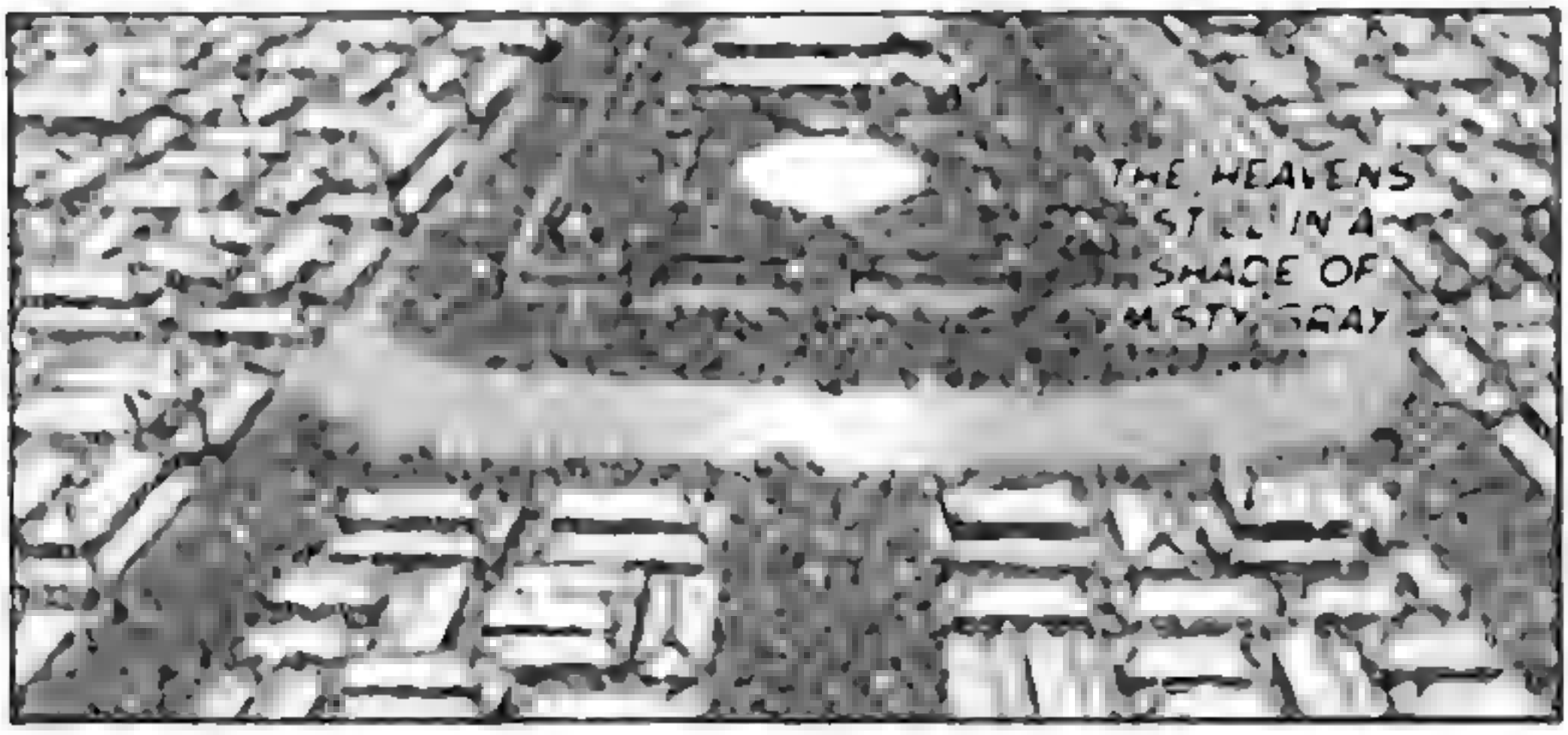
("WIN, A KING; LOSE, A CRIMINAL. WE SIGH AT THAT")

THE N.

USE MY PETTY ACHIEVEMENTS TO SHOWOFF YOUR GLORY.

EVERYONE PRESENT THERE
ARE STILL SEEING, IN THEIR MINDS,
THE SWINGING OF LÜ BU'S SHARP BLADE.
THEY CANNOT WAIT FOR HIM TO DIE.

IT IS
SNOWING.


THE HEAVENS
STILL IN A
SHADE OF
MISTY GRAY

DEAD
SILENCE,

ONLY DEAD
SILENCE.

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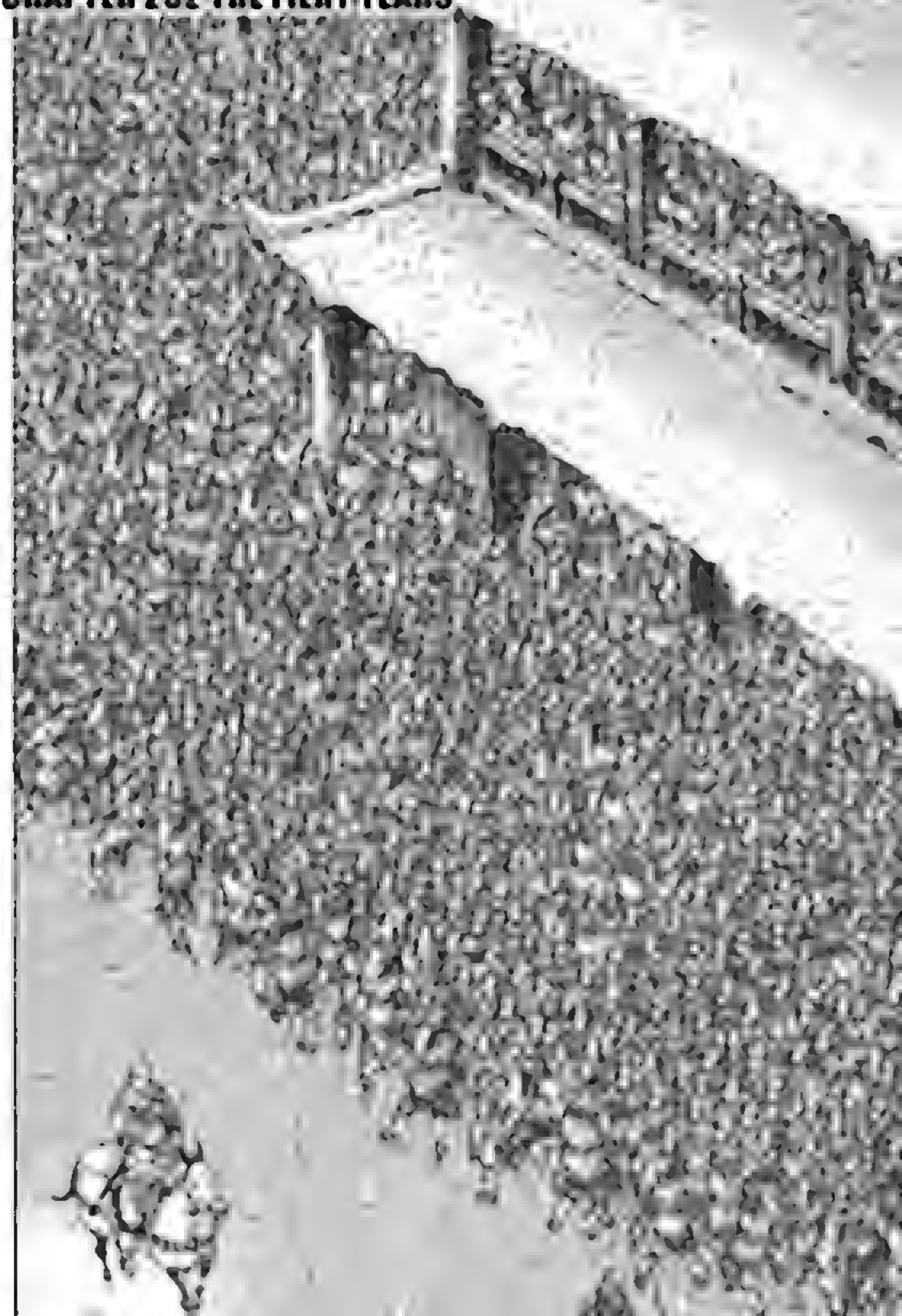


PERHAPS HEAVEN IS DEAD.

PERHAPS MINE IS TOO.

LU BU,

NOW, YOU LOOK LIKE, LU BU.

FATHER, IS, WAITING FOR YOU.

PA.

I LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS MOMENT AS WELL.

HUFF.

VERY GOOD.

UGH!

YOU... ARE SHIVERING. AFRAID?

YES... BUT NOT AFRAID

IT IS COLD...

AND SUDDENLY I FELT UNDER-DRESSED...

TIGHTER!

:SHA:

UMF!

EXERT YOURSELF, OR YOU WONT BE ABLE TO KILL ME.

XU CHU I ASK YOU CAO CAO DIDN'T COME OUT EARLIER... WAS HE DEBATING WHETHER TO KEEP ME... OR NOT?

HE MUST HAVE... BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I WAS STILL OF USE...

HOO

BUT.

BUT... SOMEONE CHANGED HIS MIND!

I ANGW

LÜ DU THAT PERSON WAS NOT. ME.

IT IS THAT MAN...

A GUY WHO CAN JUDGE CHARACTER.

GUH!

HUGH!

TIGHTER, XU CHU!

MONS TER!

KE!

HERE.

XU CHU,

SFX. PA

OOF!

OOF

PA
PA
PA

Gai

TIGHTER!

TIGHTER!

IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL!

PERHAPS THESE ARE CHAOTIC YEARS.

BUT IT IS GETTING COLDER AND COLDER.

THE HEAVEN IS DEAD!

HEAVENS...

HEAVENS...

YOU ARE
STILL ALIVE.

YOU ARE FINALLY CLEARING UP.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU ARE LURKING.

YOU ARE
WAITING.

WAITING...

FOR WHOM?

WHOSE ERA?

YOU ARE WAITING FOR ANOTHER ERA.

THIS MAN'S?

PA!

YOU THINK I'M WRONG?

NO.

:CHA:

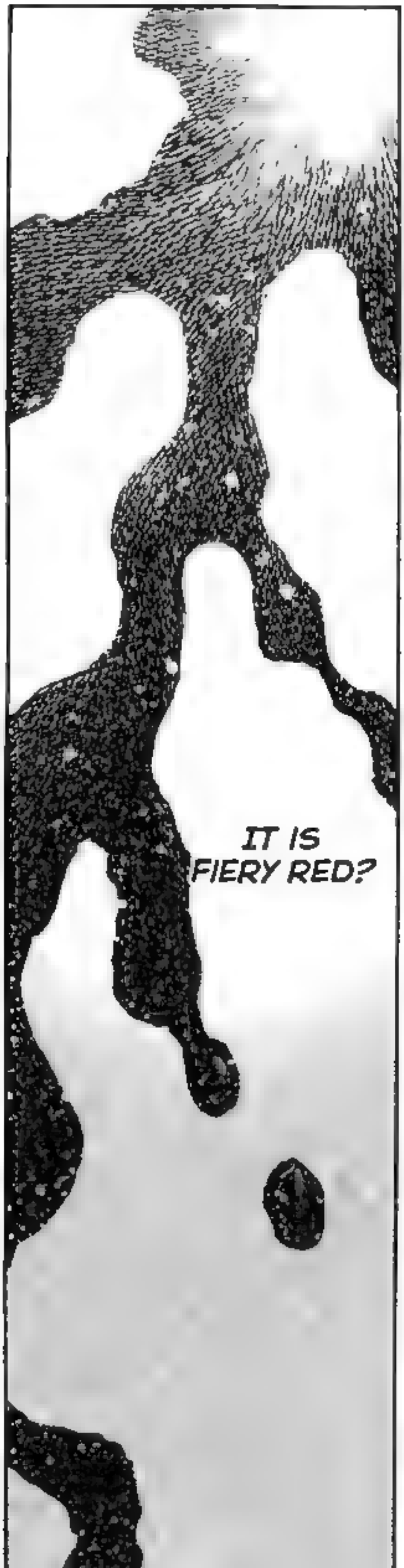
AHHH

AHH

NOT THEM;

NO?

NOT THEIRS.


IT IS
FIERY RED?

HEAVENS!

WHO IS IT?

QUIT YOUR FANCY CRYPTIC GAMES AND TELL ME!

BASTARD! HURRY UP AND TELL ME!

UGH!

PA

WHEN DEATH FINDS YOU,

I WILL GLADLY GO WITH!

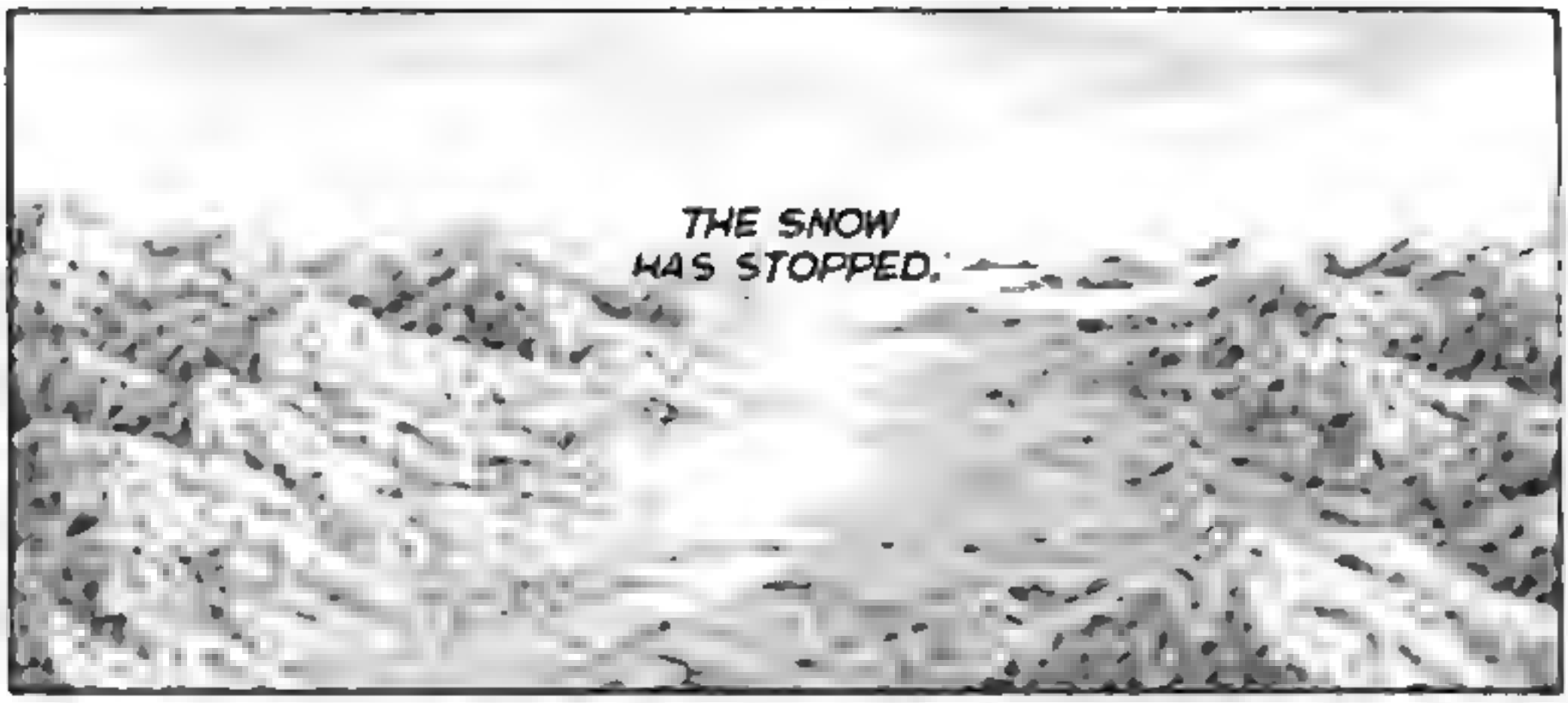
(QUOTING "OATH OF TANG"; A POPULARIZED CURSE DURING THE XIA DYNASTY, AGAINST KING JIE. I CAN'T FIND THE PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATION. LOOSELY: "I WILL DIE WITH YOU IF IT MEANS YOU WILL D

TELL ME, WHOSE IS IT?

IT IS
PHOENIX!

吸

FIERY PHOENIX!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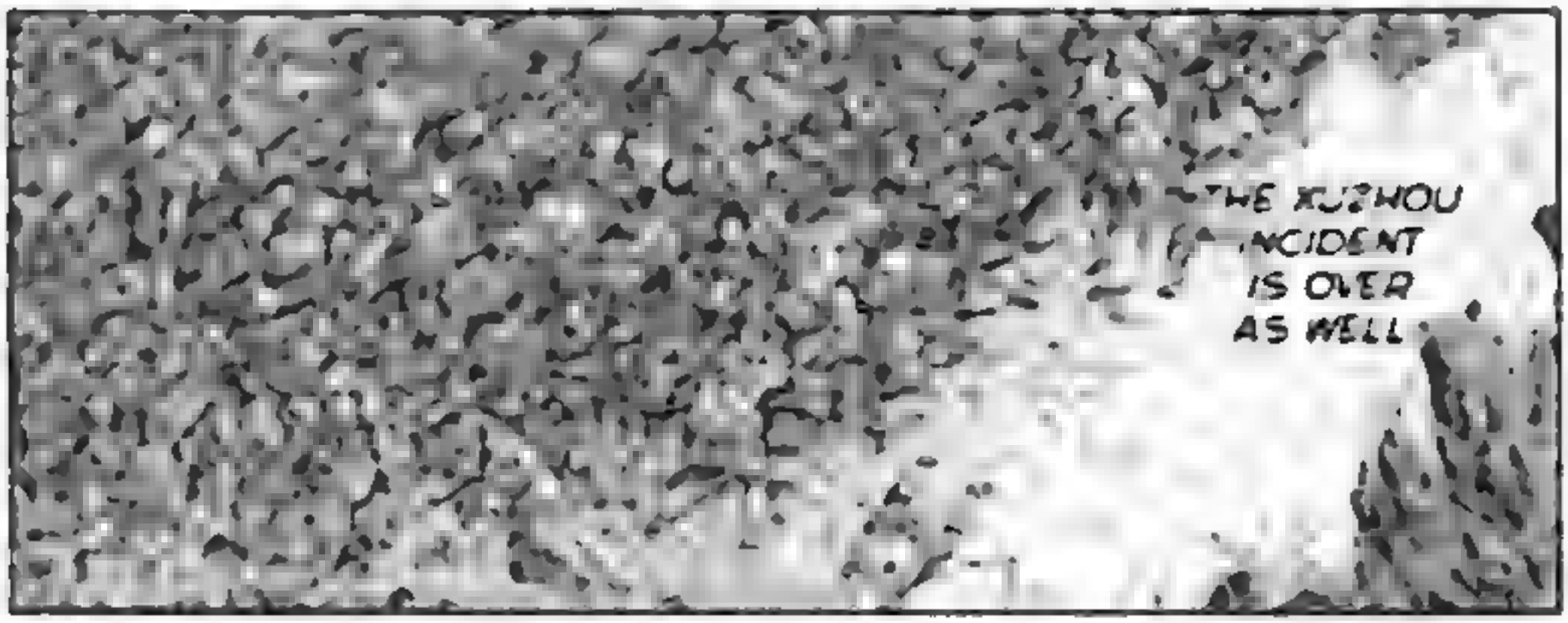
HAS STOPPED.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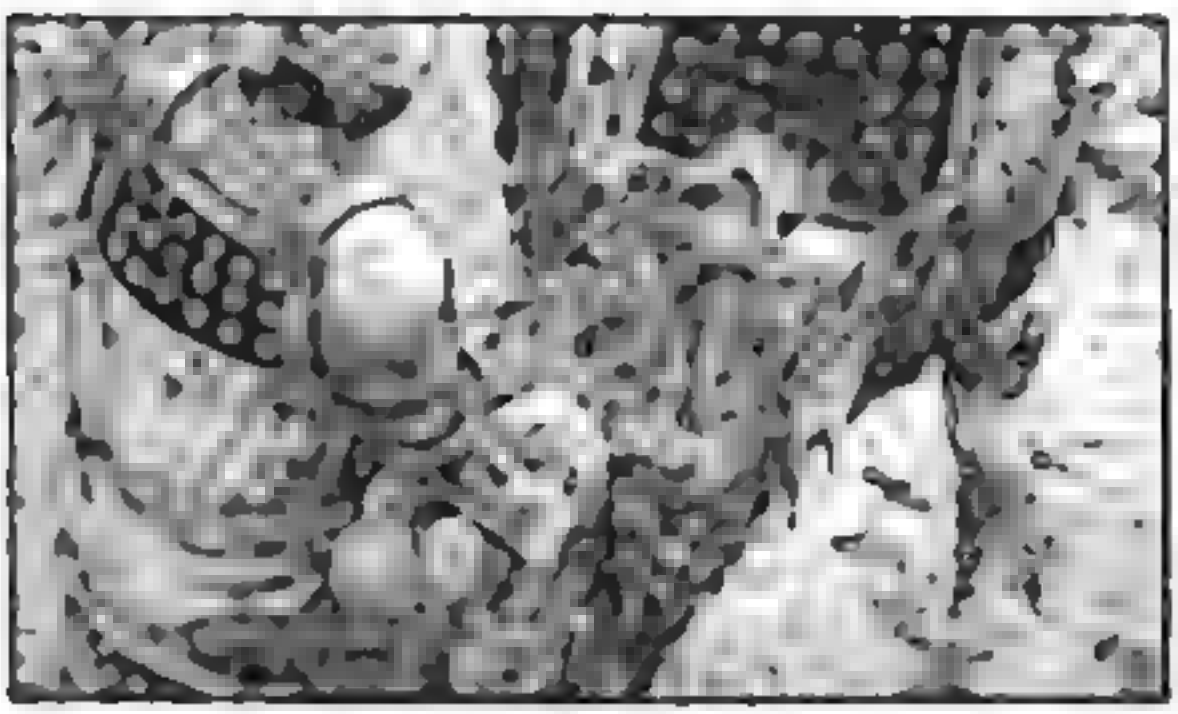
INCIDENT
IS OVER
AS WELL.



PERHAPS
SOME
SLEEP
IS IN
ORDER.

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CHAPTER 263 TO DREAMLAND ONCE AGAIN

PERHAPS ONLY THE ABSURDITY IN DREAMS COULD TWIST MY FACE A LITTLE.

(GIVE IT EMOTION, CRACK A SMILE?)

THAT'S MY JOB. I'M SURE IT WAS HERE.

ARE YOU SURE THEY WERE BURYING THE BODIES HERE YESTERDAY?

IT'S JUST HARD TO FIND WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY BODIES, THAT'S ALL.

NEITHER IS IT EASY TO PAY BACK THAT TWENTY TO ONE DEBT.

IF IT'S LAID, OLD YE, IT'S PLAYED. FIND THAT ASSASSIN'S CORPSE AND CONSIDER YOUR DEBT HALF-PAID.

I HEARD WE LOST A FEW RENOWNED GENERALS DURING THIS CAMPAIGN.

SIR CHEN, WHAT... WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER HALF?

AND YOU'RE A KEY MAN FROM THE XIAHOU CLAN; NOT TO MENTION YOUR MASTERFUL SKILL AT MAKING ARRANGE-MENTS.

YOU WANT ME TO ARRANGE A GOVERNMENT JOB?

WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SERVE THE COUNTRY DURING THIS CHAOTIC ERA?

THE OTHER HALF WILL BE A REWARD FOR HELPING A FRIEND OF MINE GET A POSITION AT XU CAPITAL.

DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST ONE MAN.

BESIDES, HE IS REMARKABLY TALENTED. WHOEVER RECOMMENDS HIM WILL BENEFIT TOO.

THEY WERE SENT TO FOLLOW ZHANG LIAO INSTEAD.

WHERE ARE THOSE TWO WATCHDOGS FROM GUO JIA?

HAHA, GOOD RIDDANCE.

YUAN LONG, DID MY MAN GET HIS JOB?

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON WINNING CAO CAO'S TRUST.

("YUAN LONG" IS CHEN DENG'S COURTESY NAME)

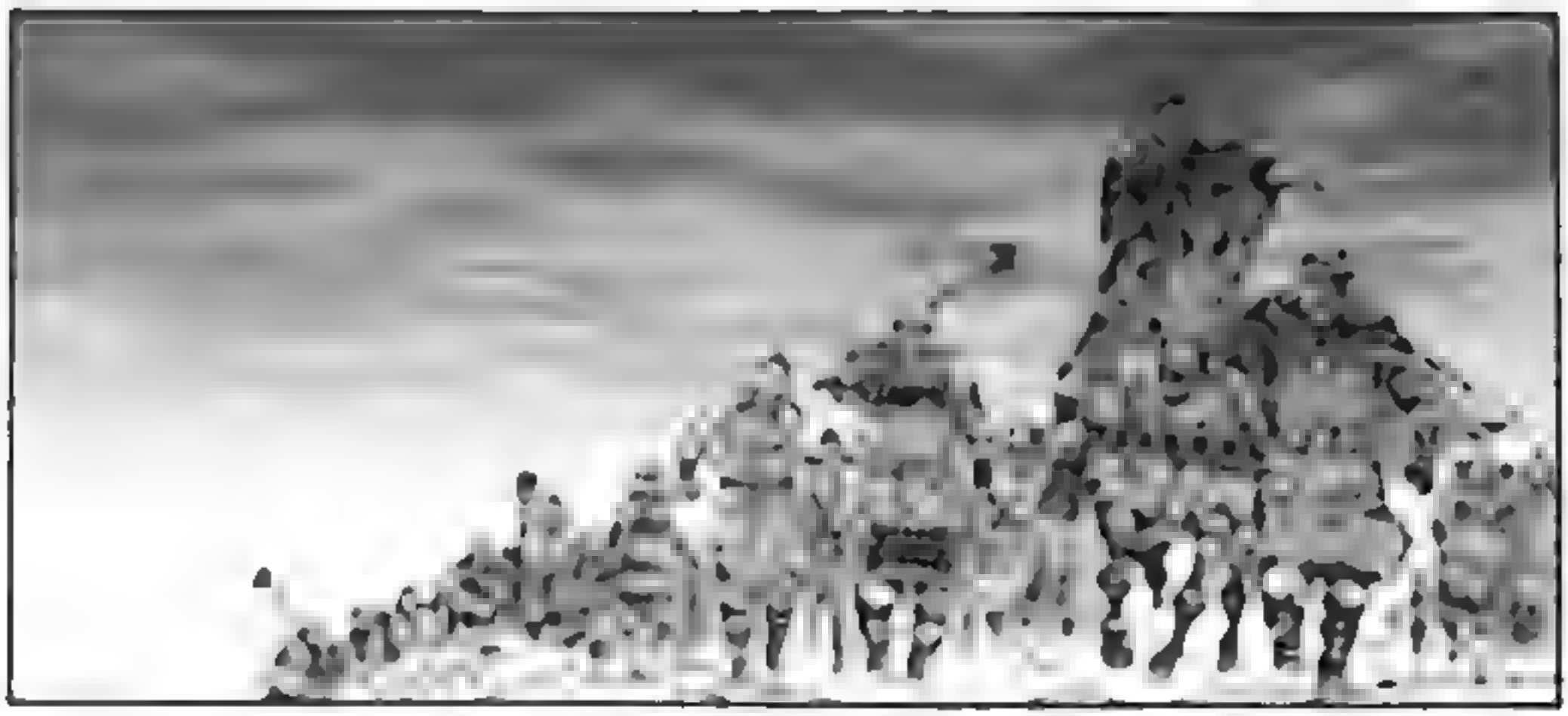
WITH THAT BEDBUG'S SKILLS, WE'LL SURE BE IN FOR A GOOD SHOW.

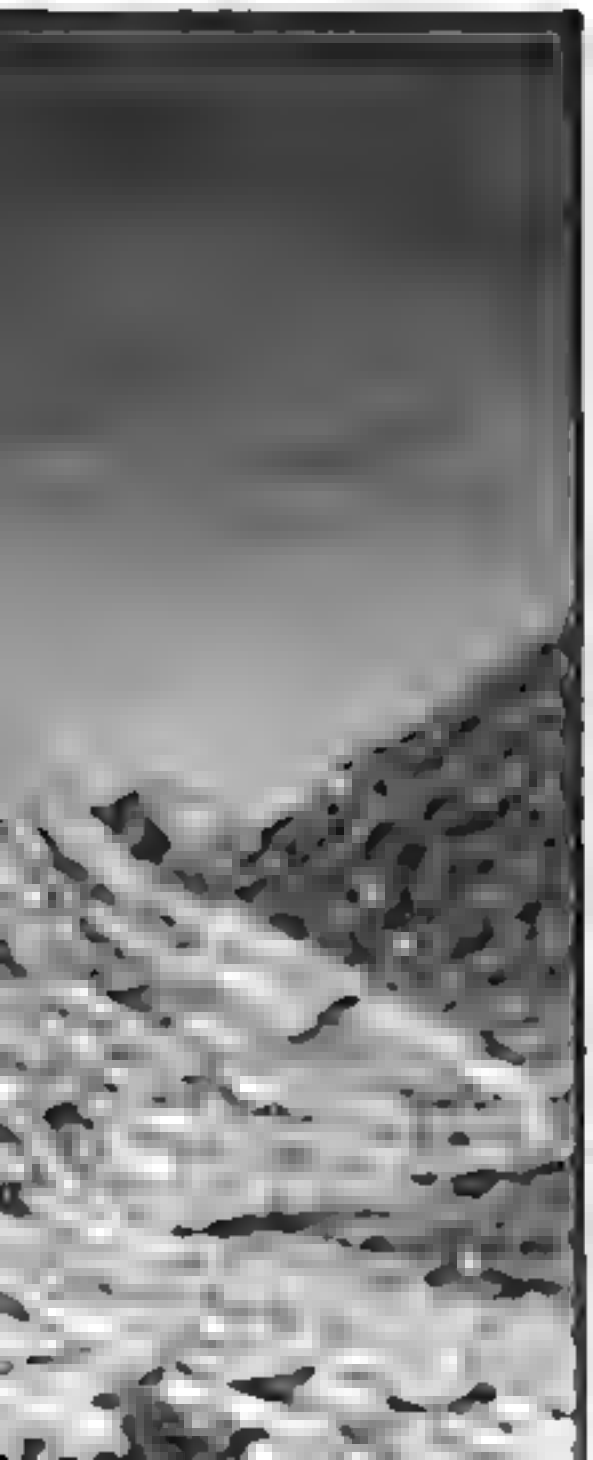
JIA KUI IS ALL SET TO GO TO THE COURTS.

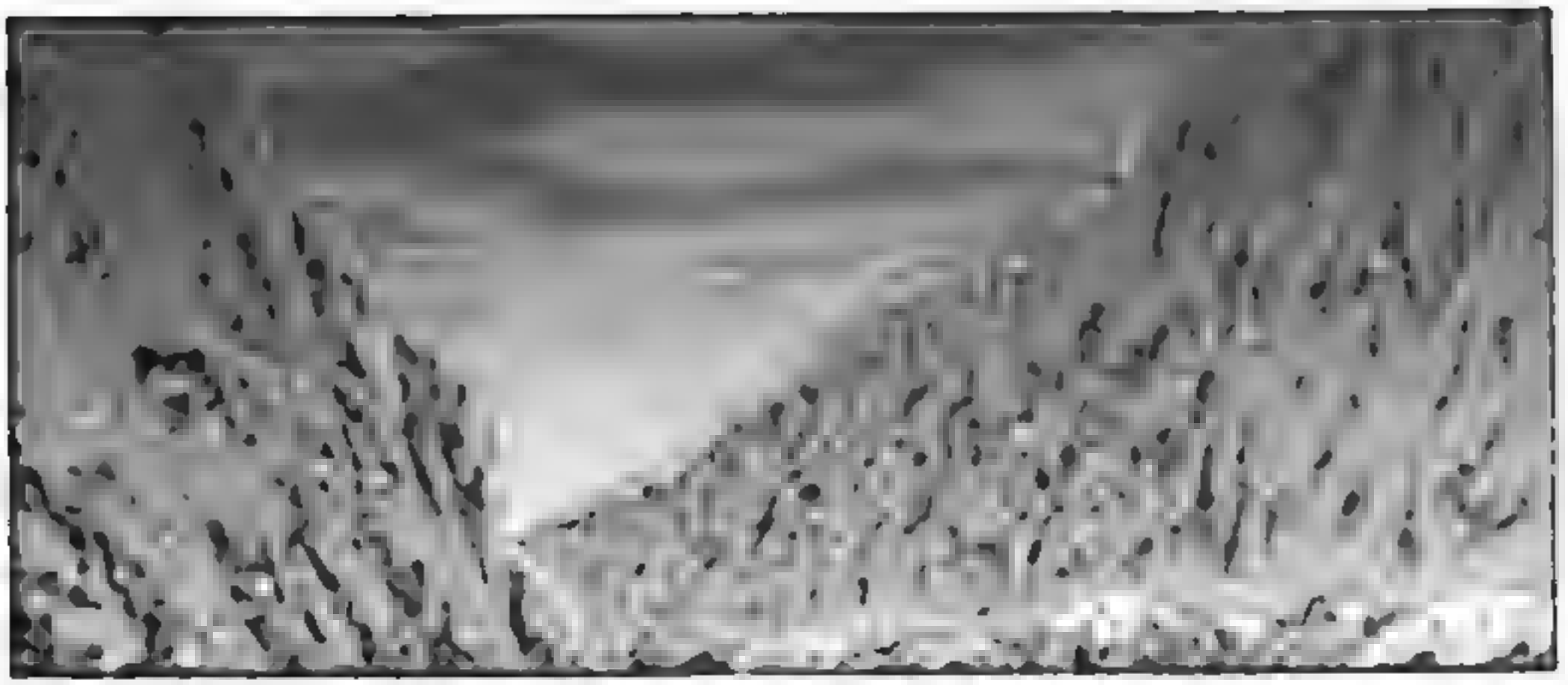
THANKS.

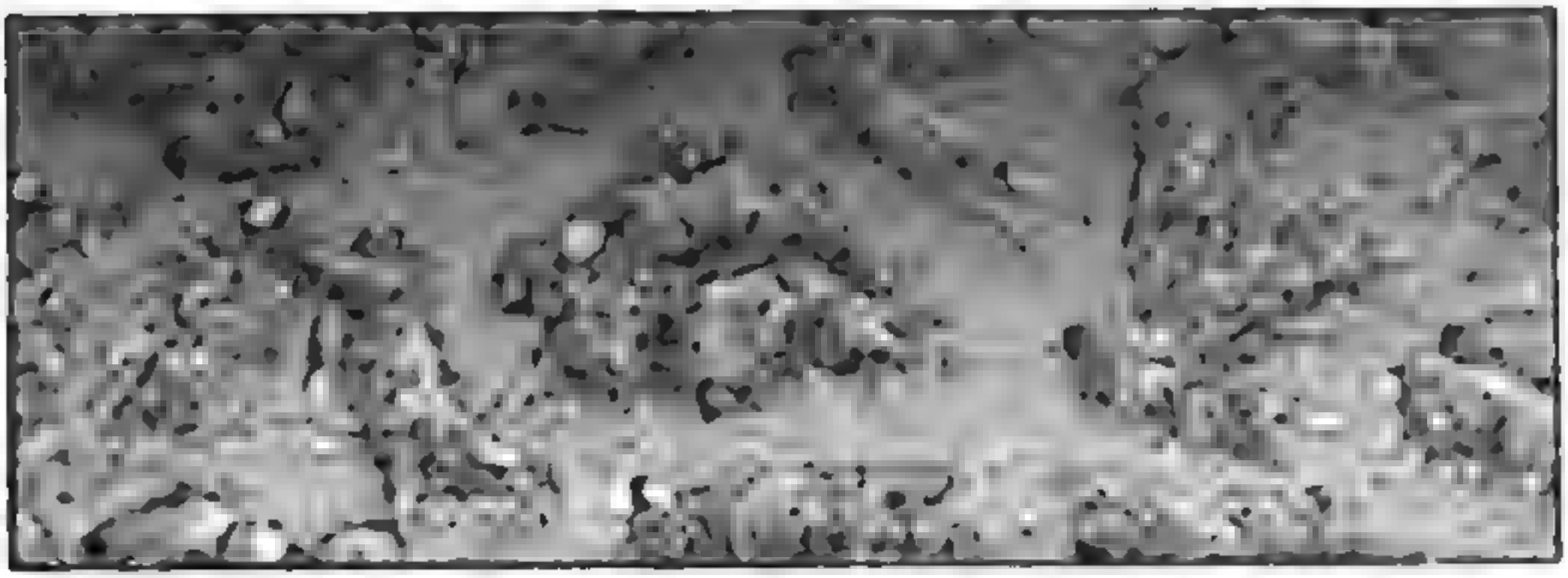
YOU GO FIRST. I WON'T BE LONG.

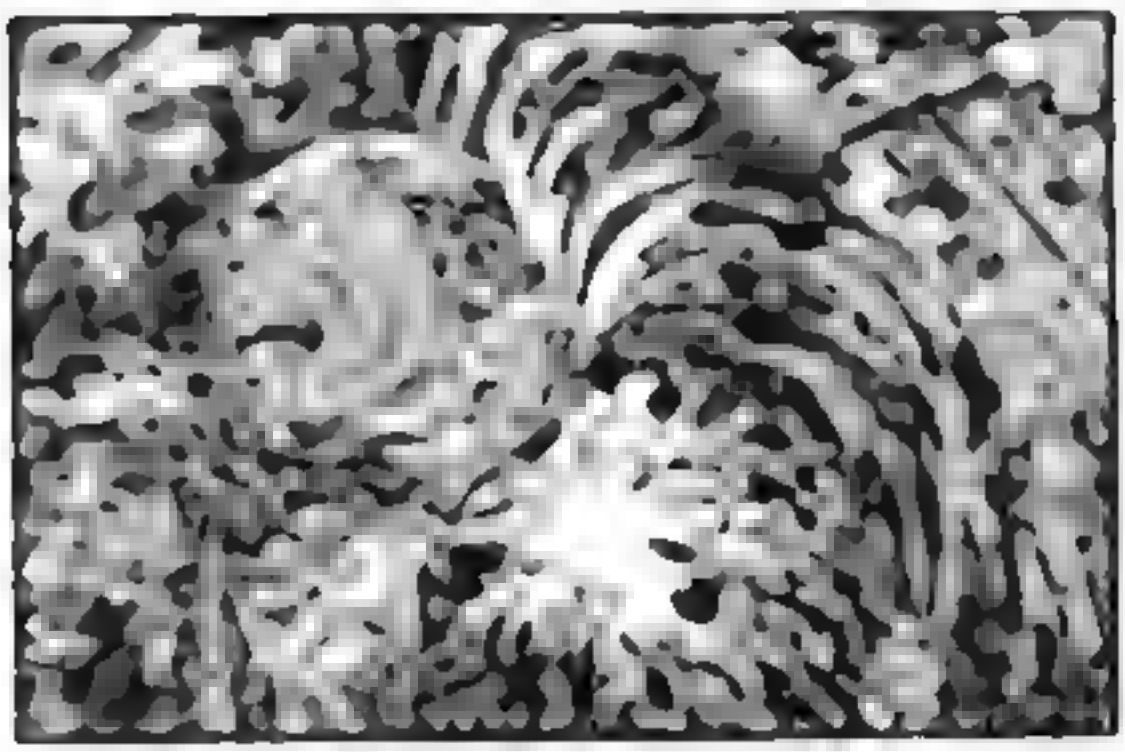
IT'S ALREADY DARK, YUAN LONG. CALL OFF THE SEARCH.

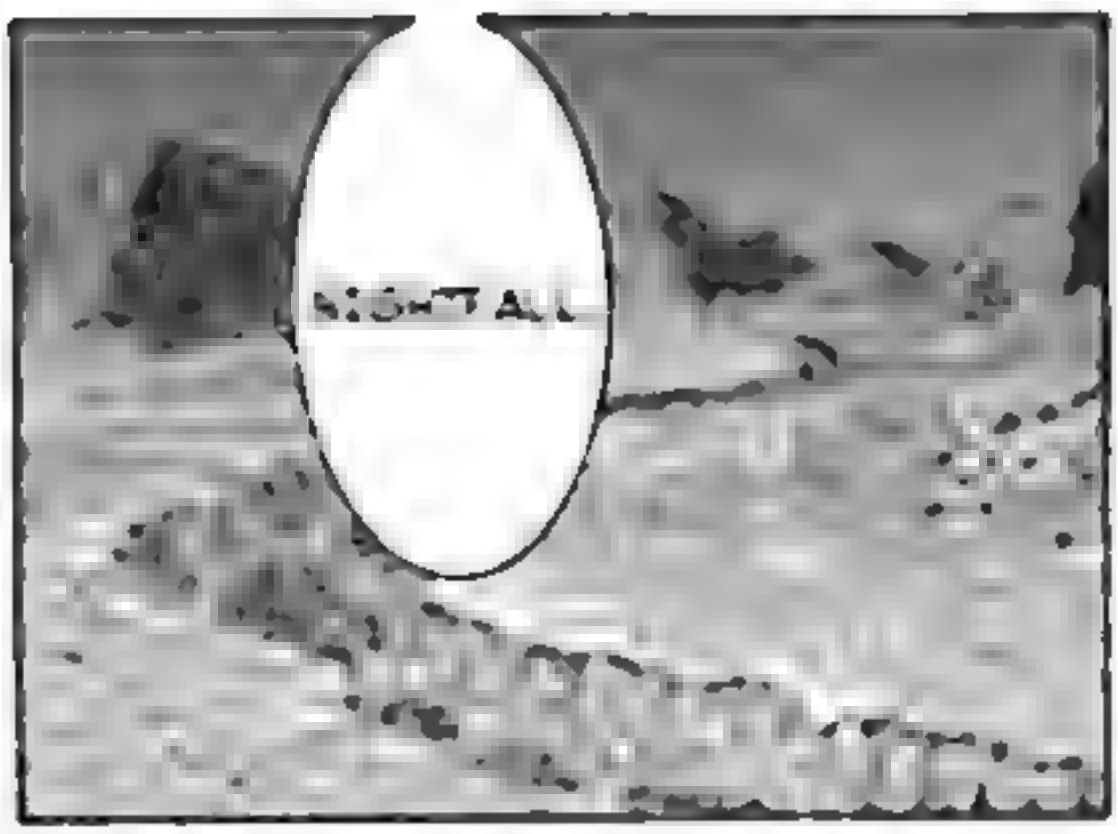











NIGHT ALL

I'M ALWAYS

MEN'S

A TIME

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TASTE THE FLAVOR, BUT I CAN TASTE THE (HUMAN) SENTIMENT.

BUT

DO YOU REMEMBER?

HUO,

I KNOW.

THE SITUATION WAS BEYOND MY CONTROL.

BUT,

MY FURY IS ALSO OUT OF MY CONTROL.

DON'T WORRY, YOUNG MASTER. I STILL REMEMBER WHAT I MUST DO.

AND THEN IT WAS DEAD SILENT AGAIN.

IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S INTERESTED IN TALKING EITHER.

FOR A WHILE I COULD NOT FIND A SUBJECT TO TALK ABOUT.

HUO.

YES, YOUNG MASTER.

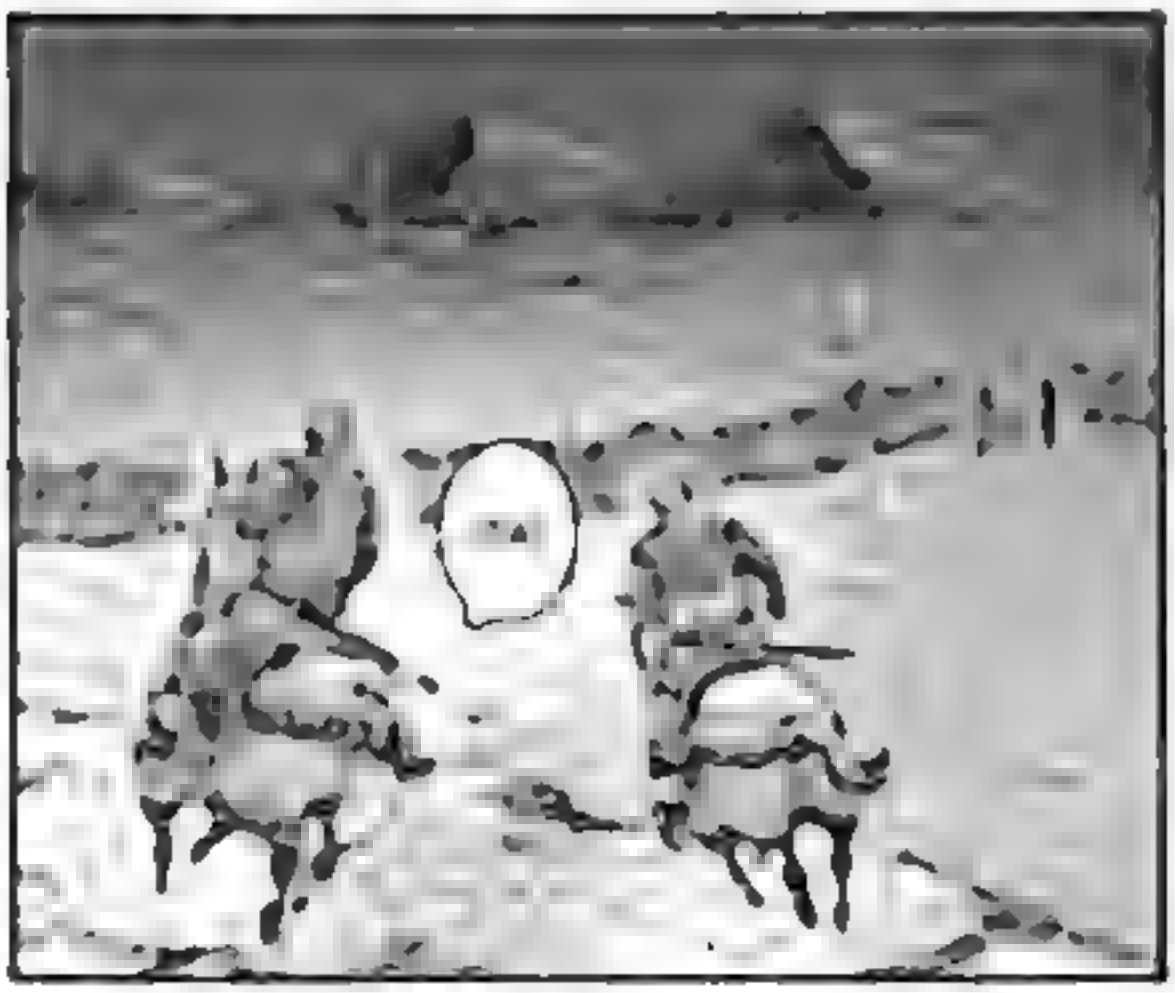
DO A GOOD JOB. DON'T TAKE A FALSE STEP LIKE I DID.

I KNOW. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LEFT TO SUFFER ANOTHER FAILURE.

WILL BE UNDEFEATABLE.

I WILL KEEP ON WINNING; MAKING LIU BEI YOUR STEPPING STONE TO ABSOLUTE POWER.

AND
THEN



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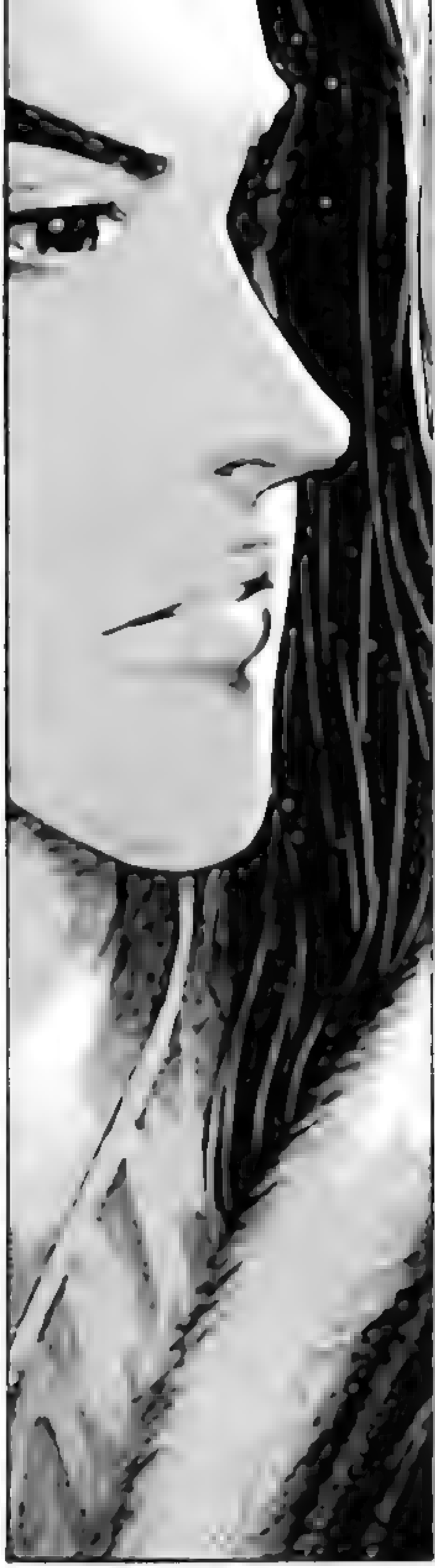

MAY YOUR (SWEET) DREAM COME TRUE, YOUNG MASTER.

PA

GOODBYE

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD THAT EXACT ONE

I REALLY DID HAVE A DREAM THAT NIGHT

AND THAT RUTHLESSNESS IN THE DREAM
IS NO LONGER AMUSING.

ALL PEOPLE BELIEVE IN DREAMS.
WHAT ABOUT ME?

【下期預告】

天上有八奇
地下有八怪
。，

八怪剩下五個，
有一個，走去殺孫策了。

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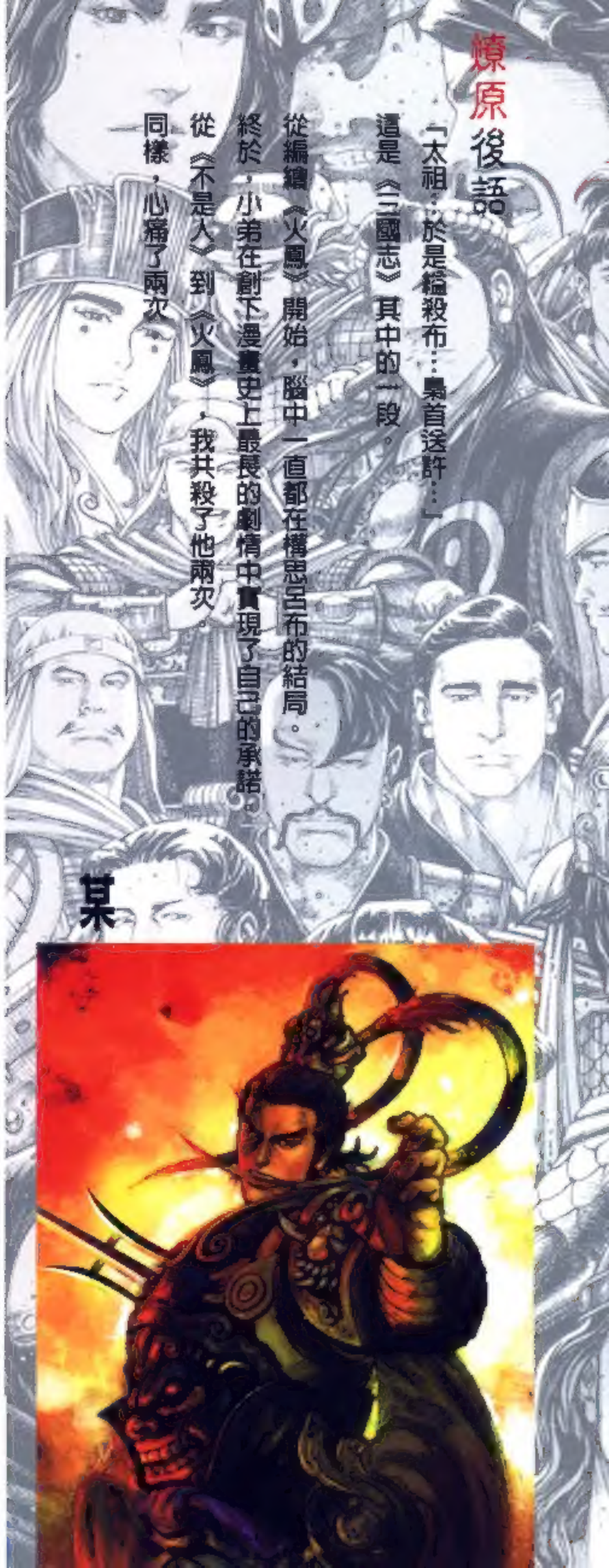

燎原後語

「太祖：於是縊殺布…梟首送許…」這是《三國志》其中的一段。

從編纂《火鳳》開始，腦中一直都在構思呂布的結局。終於，小弟在創下漫畫史上最長的劇情中實現了自己的承諾。

從《不是人》到《火鳳》，我共殺了他兩次。

同樣，心痛了兩次。

某